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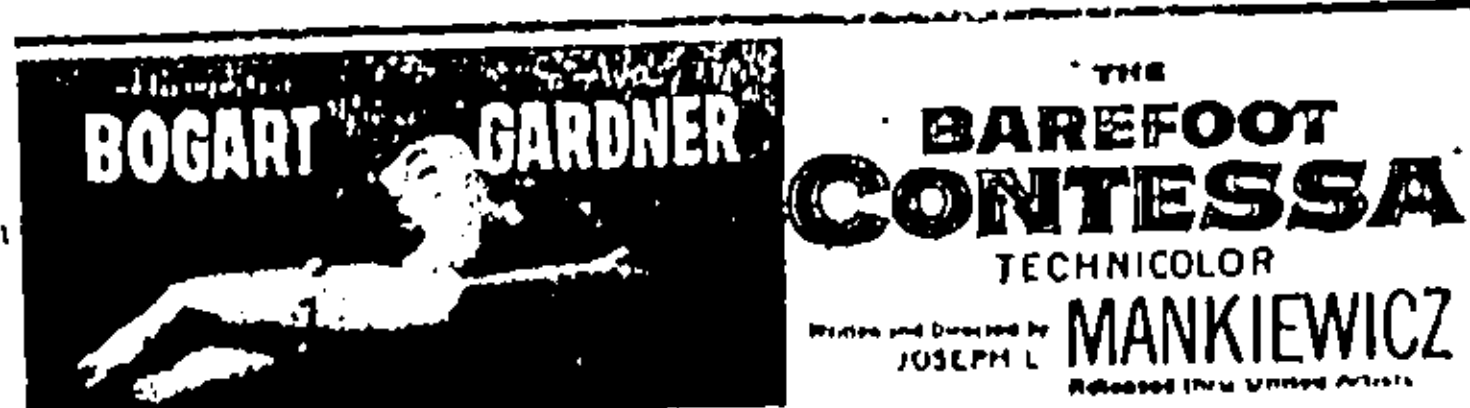
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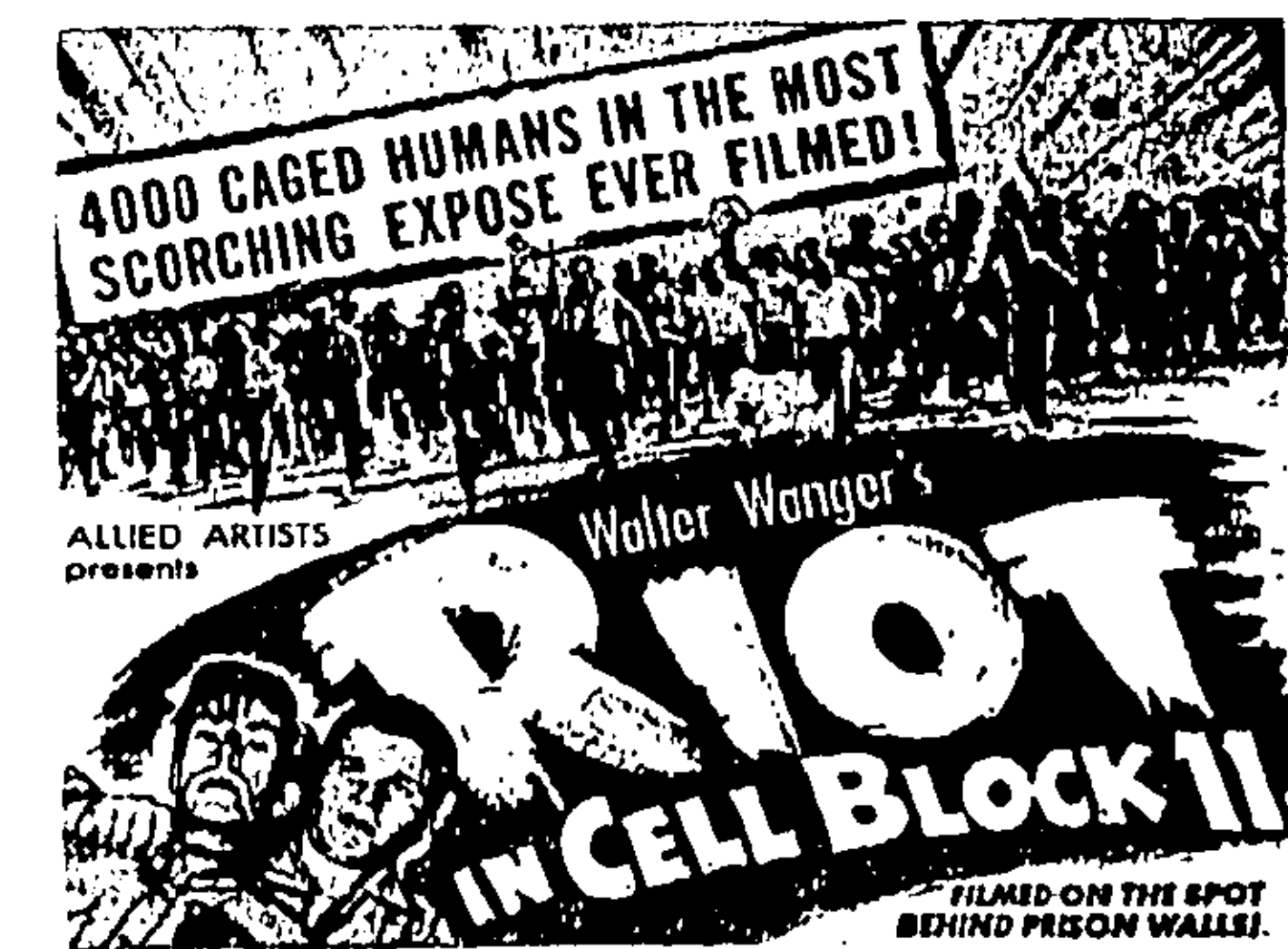
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The start of the procession in Turin, in honour of Santo Domenico Savio, which was attended by high church officials and thousands of people from all parts of the Catholic world. A golden urn containing the remains of Santo Domenico Savio was carried in the procession. — Express Photo.

United States A Second-Rate Power — In 1964

Washington, Dec. 6.

A Yale Professor of international relations has prophesied that in 1964 the United States will be a "second-rate power" facing "a hostile world in virtual isolation."

Professor Gerhart Niemeyer made the gloomy prediction in an "imaginary editorial" which he described like this:

"A possible course of history is described in these pages, but the warning of this preview is coupled with a sure confidence that we have in this country the spirit, courage and intelligence to avoid such tragic failures."

COUNTRY SPLIT

Prof. Niemeyer said that in 1964 the United States would be split "over the question of war and peace" in a world overwhelmingly Communist.

"We are now reduced to the status of a second-rate power, and but little consolation can be found in the fact that we are the only power in that class," he wrote in the editorial supposed to be written in 1964.

West Holding 371 German War Criminals

Bonn, Dec. 6. The Western powers still hold 177 convicted German war criminals in Germany and 194 others abroad, Professor Theodor Oberlander, West German Refugee Minister, said today. They had released 200 of those held in Allied prisons in Germany in the year ended November 30, he told a Press conference. In the same period 1,600 German prisoners of war and civilian internees were released by the Communist states, 1,100 of them from the Soviet Union. About 9,000 German prisoners of war are known to be still in Eastern camps since they are in touch with their families, Herr Oberlander said. — Reuter.

SOUNDPROOFING SCHOOLS

Tokyo, Dec. 7. The Japanese Education Ministry plans to soundproof a number of schools near American military bases in the near future. The schools complain that noise from aircraft and artillery make it impossible for the children to study. One school near Tokyo was soundproofed at a cost of about 3,000,000 yen (about £3,600). The test was successful and the Ministry will equip 16 other schools with the same soundproofing facilities. — Reuter.

The West Cannot Be Hurried Says UN President

New York, Dec. 6.

The President of the United Nations General Assembly, Dr Eelco N. Van Kleffens, declared tonight that Western Europe cannot be hurried into integration but with its own "novel genius" is "feeling its way in the direction of the future."

The noted Netherlands diplomat spoke before the Foreign Policy Association of the United States on "The Integration of Western Europe."

He spoke to the point with much of the same bluntness and candour that marked the recent similar statements by the French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France.

Dr Van Kleffens pleaded for United States understanding of just what Europe confronts in seeking unity and observed soberly that moves toward integration are being made by "its brain — much more than its heart."

"In any case," he said, "I can assure you that, no matter what the prophets of doom may tell you, we in Western Europe are not a tired, or effete, or a hopeless lot, in spite of the incredible strain, difficult for others to imagine, which war and enemy occupation put on us. Whoever has eyes may come and compare so many Western European countries now and the state they were in at the end of the war."

GREATER UNITY

Dr Van Kleffens noted that "Western Europe is aware that a common danger and the technical requirements of the present age call for greater unity."

"And with its brain — much more than its heart — it is trying to make up its mind. That is the new call for unity of our day."

He cited steps toward integration and said that other co-operation would follow "even if the European Defence Community failed to be accepted by France, a decision widely deplored in all the other directly interested countries."

"It is just too early to tell what exactly will be the outcome and however impatient one feels, either as a Western European or as an American, some more time is required. You just cannot hurry these things at will."

Dr Van Kleffens said that West Europe welcomed the opinion of the United States "for we know it is given in friendship. But we ask you to give it with the will to understand."

"I am convinced that you can keep your faith in us," he said. "To do that, it may help you to understand. Understand the facts, facts which neither you nor we can change overnight, or even in a short while."

MINDS AT WORK

He said that the "best minds of Western Europe and there are many — are working on these things" that those who "think they can count Western Europe out" should merely "wait — and you will be surprised."

"In political inventiveness, as in military strength and industrial output, we will continue to be, I sincerely believe, a factor to be seriously reckoned with," Dr Van Kleffens then reviewed the unifying and dividing forces in West Europe to illustrate what obstacles are in the way of integration. — United Press.

Austrian Chancellor At Niagara

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Dec. 6.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr Julius Raab, left today by plane for Ottawa following a visit to the Niagara frontier marked by his first helicopter ride.



DR JULIUS RAAB

The Chancellor viewed the twin cataracts and a new Canadian power project during his 25-minute flight in a Bell helicopter yesterday. When he alighted he described his ride as "a most wonderful experience."

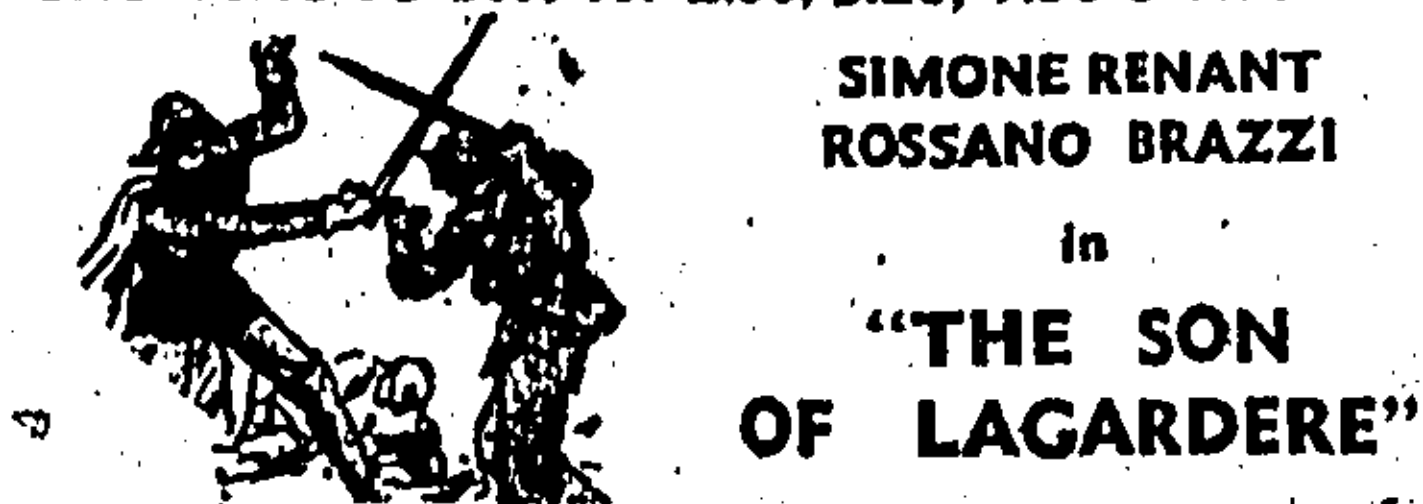
The Austrian dignitary, accompanied by Dr Karl Gruber, his country's Ambassador to the United States, arrived at Niagara Falls, N.Y., yesterday morning following an overnight train trip from New York City.

The welcoming party there included the Mayor, Mr Ernest W. Mirrington Jr, who presented him a key to the city, and Mr Lester P. Fancif, Bell Aircraft Corporation General Manager.

When Dr Raab crossed the rainbow bridge to Canada late in the day he was greeted by Mr Walter Peinsipp, Charge d'Affaires of Austria's Legation at Ottawa, and high Canadian officials. — United Press.

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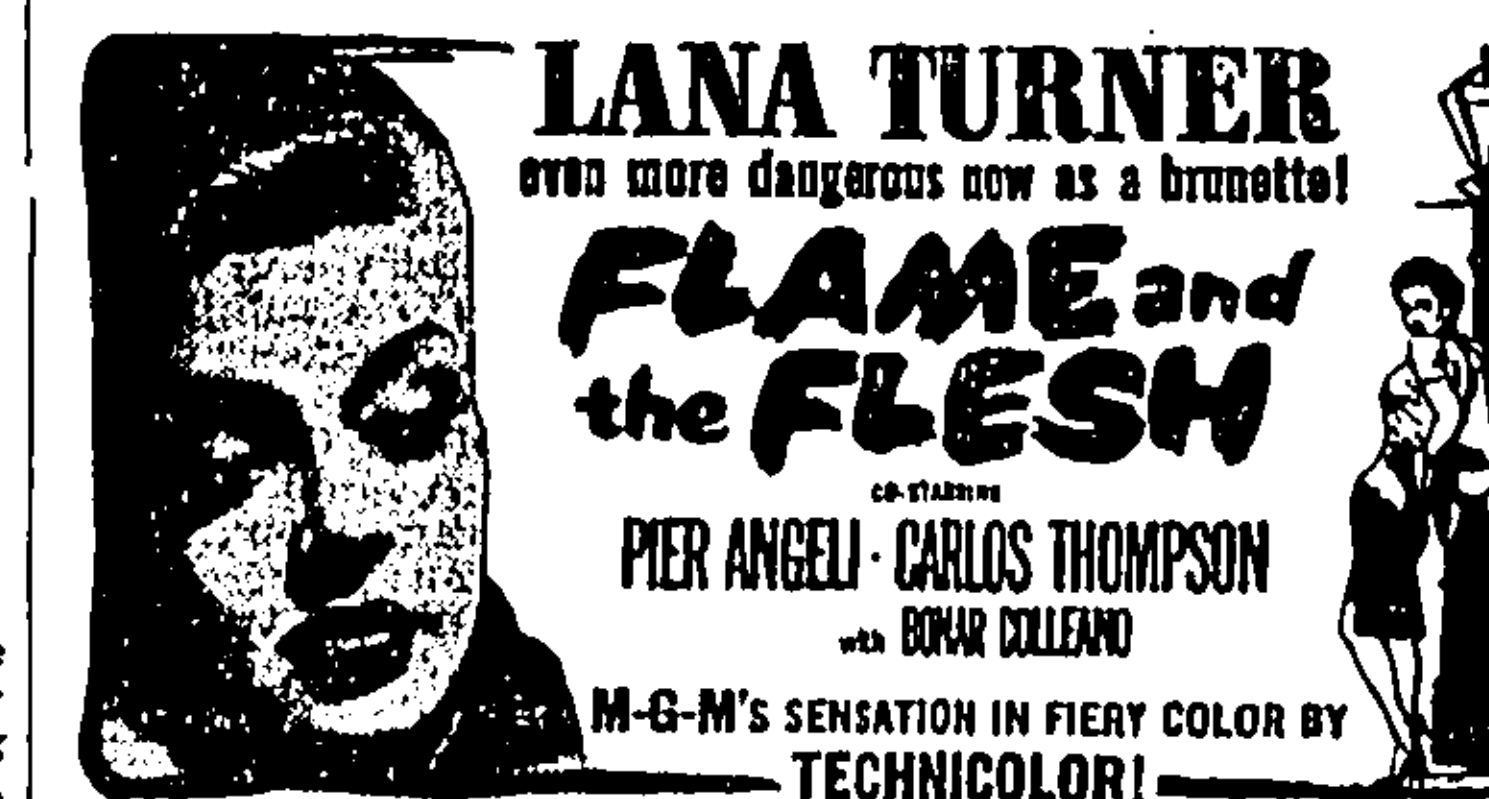
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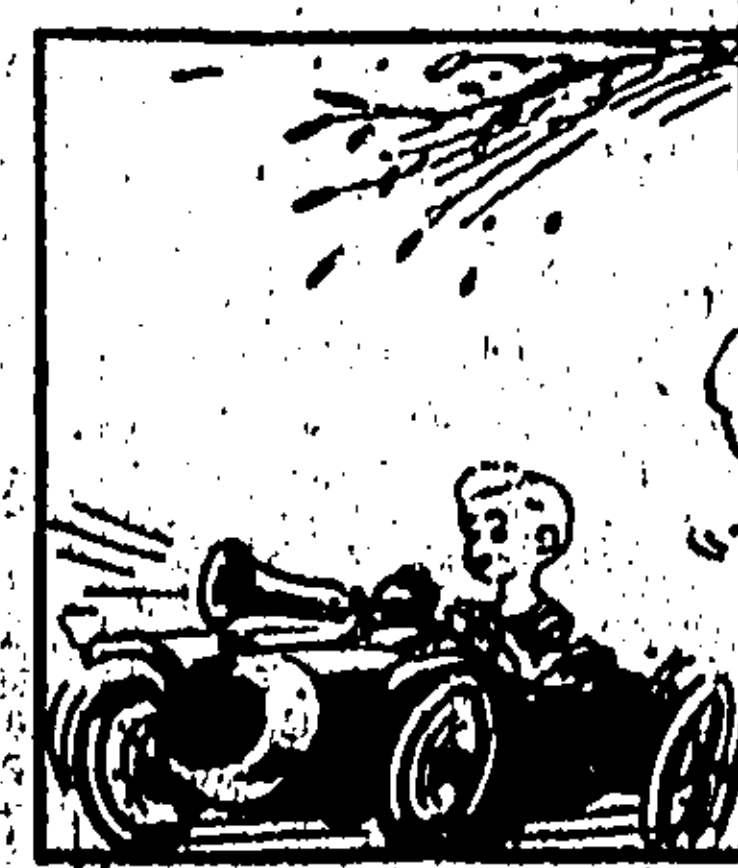
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THE KOREAN QUESTION

BALACLAVA CELEBRATION

BRITAIN'S TAX FREE UTOPIA 'KING' DIES

Lundy Island, Dec. 6. Lundy Island, the only tax free Utopia in Britain, was in mourning today for its "king", 69-year-old Martin Coles Harman, who died last night in a Surrey hospital.

Harman, who started his successful career as a £1 a week clerk and rose to become head of a group controlling £17 million business corporations, ruled his vast pocket dominion like a feudal monarch.

He coined his own money, issued his own stamps (with his portrait on them), made his own laws.

Islanders went to the war, including the "king's" only son, John, who was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

OUTSIDE LIMIT

But he was a benevolent ruler. His subjects paid no taxes, no rates, drank excise-free beer and spirits in a public house which stayed open at all hours.

He claimed that because the island was outside the three-mile limit it was a separate kingdom and not under British jurisdiction.

Harman bought Lundy—its Icelandic name means "puffin", a sea bird which breeds on the island cliffs—in 1925 for £10,000.

Lundy, alias Puffin Island, which lies in the mouth of the Bristol Channel is 2½ miles long and one mile wide.

A bleak, romantic place, almost entirely surrounded by cliffs, it was until the 18th century a hideout for smugglers and buccanniers. Pirate treasure is still buried on the island.

Seven years after Harman became king of Lundy, he went bankrupt. With liabilities estimated at over half a million pounds sterling.

In 1933 criminal proceedings were instituted against him for fraud and fraudulent conspiracy and after a lengthy trial he was found guilty and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

HAPPY LIFE

But in the earlier, better days just after he bought his island kingdom, Harman lived a happy life.

Harman dismissed the general post office and his postmaster and went into the mail delivering business himself, issuing in 1929 the famous "Puffin" stamps. At the same time he issued "Puffin" coins in the values of "one puffin" and "half puffin" each equalling the English penny and half-penny.

But the British Government did not approve of such goings on. In 1930 Harman was fined £5 for coining his "puffins" and a year later he lost an appeal in the High Court.

Harman was the only employer on the island. He kept a black list of persons unwelcome in his kingdom.

On Lundy, no one was ever much interested in news of the outside world until the last war came along and after that, when last year the revenue department began looking into the matter of the untaxed paradise.

WAR THREATS PASS

As the war came the threats soon passed. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that even in the best weather, Lundy had at most 20 inhabitants and it was impossible to tax so small a community.

It is thought likely that the "king" will be buried on his island in the churchyard where his wife, son and past rulers of the tiny kingdom lie.—Reuters.

Chou Blames Paris Pact For Tension

London, Dec. 6. Mr Chou En-lai, Premier of Communist China, said today that the world situation had been made "more tense" by the Paris treaties to rearm Germany and the United States-Nationalist China mutual defence treaty.

These treaties "signified the intensification of United States sabotage in East and West," he said, according to Peking Radio.

Mr Chou was speaking at a reception given by the Finnish Minister to China, Mr Carl J. Sundstrom, to mark the 27th anniversary of Finland's independence.

"The creation of new menaces to war are resolutely opposed by the Chinese people," Mr Chou said.

Most of his speech dealt with the growth of friendly relations between China and Finland, which he said "proved the possibility that countries with different social systems could live peacefully together."—Reuters.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 6.

The Wisconsin Salon of Art, lost a benefactor, the Madison Kipp Manufacturers, because it could not figure out what the Salon's abstract modern art was supposed to represent.—United Press.

FATHER DIDN'T WANT CABARET GIRL IN FAMILY

Paris, Dec. 6. His Excellency, honourable Minister in the Japanese Government, Mr Yamamoto, was very angry. He had sent his daughter Yoshiko, in Paris, a message, urging her to come back to her ancestors' land — the land of the Rising Sun — and the daughter had flatly refused.

The beautiful Yoshiko had begun life in Los Angeles. She was at that time a student and, one day, she was attracted by the announcement that a contest would be held to nominate "Miss Television."

She believed that she had a chance and, in fact, clad in a peach-coloured bathing suit, she came first of 400 competitors. Scores of photographers took her picture but when her father, Mr. Yamamoto, drinking his morning cup of green tea, saw her picture in scant attire reproduced in Japanese newspapers, he nearly had a stroke.

He ordered her back but she decided otherwise. As the peace treaty had not been signed yet and she was unable to find a job in the United States, she came to France.

"I shall stay only two months there and come back," she cabled home. But she was still here recently.

When she arrived in Paris, she was persuaded by some friends to sign in a night club.

She sang American, French and Japanese songs and it was a triumph.

She thus managed to do without her father's money which had been cut off following her refusal to return home.

"I do not want a cabaret singer in the family," father Yamamoto had said.

The father, however, finally realised that his daughter was not a failure after all, since he could not send her any money for a long time.

In fact, she had become one of the most famous exotic singers in Paris.

SEE PARENTS

Yoshiko, in the end, agreed to return to Japan for a short time, in order to see her old parents.

But when she left Paris for Marseilles recently, where she was due to embark on a ship bringing her back to Japan, she said, "It is hard to go away."—France-Press.



The Queen Mother dancing with Colonel Coombe, Colonel of the 11th Hussars, when she attended the Ball at the Hyde Park Hotel in London to celebrate the centenary of the Battle of Balaklava.—Central Press Photo.

CLEVER LONDON GANG BROKEN UP

London, Dec. 6. One of the London underworld's most cleverly organised criminal gangs was broken up today by gaoi sentences on four men.

The gang included the country's nimblest cat burglar, an insurance broker with secret information about burglar alarms in the various establishments the gang robbed and an ex-public schoolboy who lived like a man of wealth but was known to the underworld as "Peter the Plotter."

The four men were found guilty at the Old Bailey, London's Central criminal court, of conspiring between October 1951 and July 1954 to rob "Her Majesty's subjects."

The gang consisted of: Harold Lough White, sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, son of a well-known London doctor. The under-world knew him as "Peter the Plotter" during jewel theft and safebreaking. But immaculately dressed and frequenting the best hotels and night clubs his side of his life was unsuspected by his neighbours in the block of luxury flats where he lived. He owned three fast cars—able to outstrip any police car that chased it after a country house jewel robbery.

George Chatham, the cat burglar, sentenced to 10 years' preventive detention. He took part in a raid by the gang after escaping from a prison where he was awaiting trial on other charge.

Gordon Simpson, the insurance broker, sentenced to six years' imprisonment. It was stated in court he had "declared war on society." Working with a Lloyds firm of underwriters he had access to information about the burglary safeguards of many establishments. The gang made use of this information.

STOLE GOLD LEAF Robert Melrose, sentenced to 10 years' preventive detention. He left prison only last March after serving a seven years' sentence.

White, Melrose and Chatham were all found guilty of breaking into a workshop and stealing gold leaf and other property worth £37,000. Simpson was found guilty of being an accessory after the act.

White was also found guilty of breaking into a factory.—China Mail Special.

Canadians To Withdraw Brigade

Ottawa, Dec. 6. The Canadian Government plans to withdraw the remainder of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade from Korea early next year, it was learned today, according to the Canadian news agency, Canadian Press.

"We expect that all Canadian troops will be out of Korea early next year and that we can clear Korea of our troops," a Defence Department official said.

No definite date had been set for withdrawal of the last Canadian soldier from Korea.—Reuters.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



By Robert L. May



Lonka MILK



'Allied Approach Made Problem Insoluble By Peaceful Means'

New York, Dec. 6.

Mr Ahmed Shukairi of Syria said today in the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly that the Allied approach to the Korea question "blacked out" progress and made the Korean problem "insoluble through peaceful means."

Speaking in resumed debate on Korea the Syrian delegate was also critical of the Committee's refusal to seat "all parties" involved in the question and was particularly critical of Britain and the United States showing United Nations authority in Korea while "betraying" it in Jerusalem.

CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Franklin, Mass., Dec. 6.

Five of the six children of a British war bride died in a fire at a wooden farmhouse here last night.

Their 30-year-old father, Reginald de Barris, told of his desperate efforts to save the children from the fire, caused by a gas stove explosion.

"I tried," the Lord knows I tried, but I could not get them," he said.

He married his wife Maureen, 20, when he was in Britain with the United States Army Air Force during the war.

The five children, who died, were aged 2 to 7. They were asleep directly above the kitchen when the stove exploded.

Mr de Barris and his wife and their sixth child, six months old, were in a room downstairs.

SPREAD QUICKLY

Flames spread rapidly to the stairway, preventing Mr de Barris reaching the children upstairs.

"I grabbed a blanket and ran into the kitchen and tried to smother the fire," he said. "It did not do any good. The flames burst all over the place."

"The flames spread so quickly I wasn't able to make it up the stairway off the kitchen. I went out front and went around the building smashing windows, trying to get in so I could go up the rear to the children."

"It did not do any good. I cut my hand and I've got burns." While Mr de Barris fought the flames his wife carried the baby out to safety.—China Mail Special.

NOT SUBSTANTIATED

To claim that certain principles were in fact denied was not substantiated by the evidence.

"We are reinforced in this attitude by the fact that all parties concerned have been refused a hearing in our deliberations," he added. "Yet we are called upon to make findings, to state conclusions and eventually to issue recommendations. The United Nations would be failing in its duties and objectives if it were to continue considering this problem in the absence of all parties concerned."

He was referring to the Committee's decision at the outset of debate on Korea to reject a Soviet motion to invite Communist China and North Korea to participate in it. One of the grounds on which the Western Allied powers successfully opposed the Soviet move was that the Assembly had condemned North Korea and China for aggression in Korea.

Mr Shukairi said that while the Assembly had rendered a judgment of aggression, it had not decided to exclude fairness. Moreover, the "aggressors" were parties to the Korean armistice agreement and had taken part in the Geneva conference. If the Assembly was determined to achieve a settlement of the Korean question through peaceful means it could not act without all the parties directly concerned.

FRUITLESS

"Negotiations, we are told, are fruitless," he said. "However, negotiations are not forthcoming in the near future."

In this connection the resolution submitted to the Committee by the 15 nations that fought in Korea "suppressed" the idea of future negotiations and led to "nowhere." The Committee was only being asked to approve the Allied report on the Geneva conference whose "general tone of despair" was "depressing."

"The conclusion is sad," said Mr Shukairi. But to block out progress is most saddening. The problem stands insoluble through peaceful means."

Mr Liu Chieh of China agreed with the Allied contention that the wisest course for the United Nations was to maintain the status quo in Korea and "let time play its part" in the hope that the future would bring a solution to the problem.

"The least we can do is to give solid support to the 15 powers who had negotiated in Korea and to approve the report they have presented to the Committee," he said.

Mr Liu said that the United Nations should repudiate emphatically the Soviet Union's suggestion to relax the ban on strategic materials to North Korea and Communist China. The organisation should not take any decision which would weaken the situation in Korea today.

NOT CLOSED

Mr Walter Lordin of Belgium said that it was completely wrong to contend that the report of the 15 powers on Geneva closed all doors to negotiation. Belgium hoped that negotiations would be resumed but the cause of peace would gain nothing if another conference was convened which was destined in advance to failure. For that reason his delegation could not vote in favour of the Soviet resolution.

Certain pre-conditions had to be established if the proposed conference were to serve

PIED PIPER WANTED

Tokyo, Dec. 6. Tokyo health authorities today estimated each rat in Tokyo caused an estimated 9,000 yen (£9) worth of damage each year.

The authorities said there were about 20 million rats in the city which did an estimated 180,000 million yen (£180,000,000) worth of damage each year.

The authorities said campaigns to exterminate rats had not been effective because of lack of funds and lack of co-operation from citizens. Many of whom would not agree to expend 10 yen (about 2d) for rat poison.—China Mail Special.

Recovered Use Of Legs During 'Quake

Port of Spain, Dec. 6.

A series of weekend earthquakes ending early today resulted in at least one death, injuries to several persons and thousands of families left homeless.

The one fatality was a five-week-old baby, killed by the collapsing roof of its home at Sangregrande. Its mother was seriously injured and is in a hospital, ignorant of her baby's death.

A 20-year-old man, a helpless cripple for years, was said to have recovered the use of his legs when the strongest quake struck on Saturday.

The man, released from a hospital the day before after an operation, had been told by the surgeons he would be bedridden for life. When he felt the quake he rolled out of bed to pray on his knees. Then he got up, although he was supposed to be paralysed below the waist.

In a broadcast tonight, the Governor urged the people to be calm in the event of further shocks. More than 100 tremors have been recorded in the last 48 hours and more are expected. United Press.

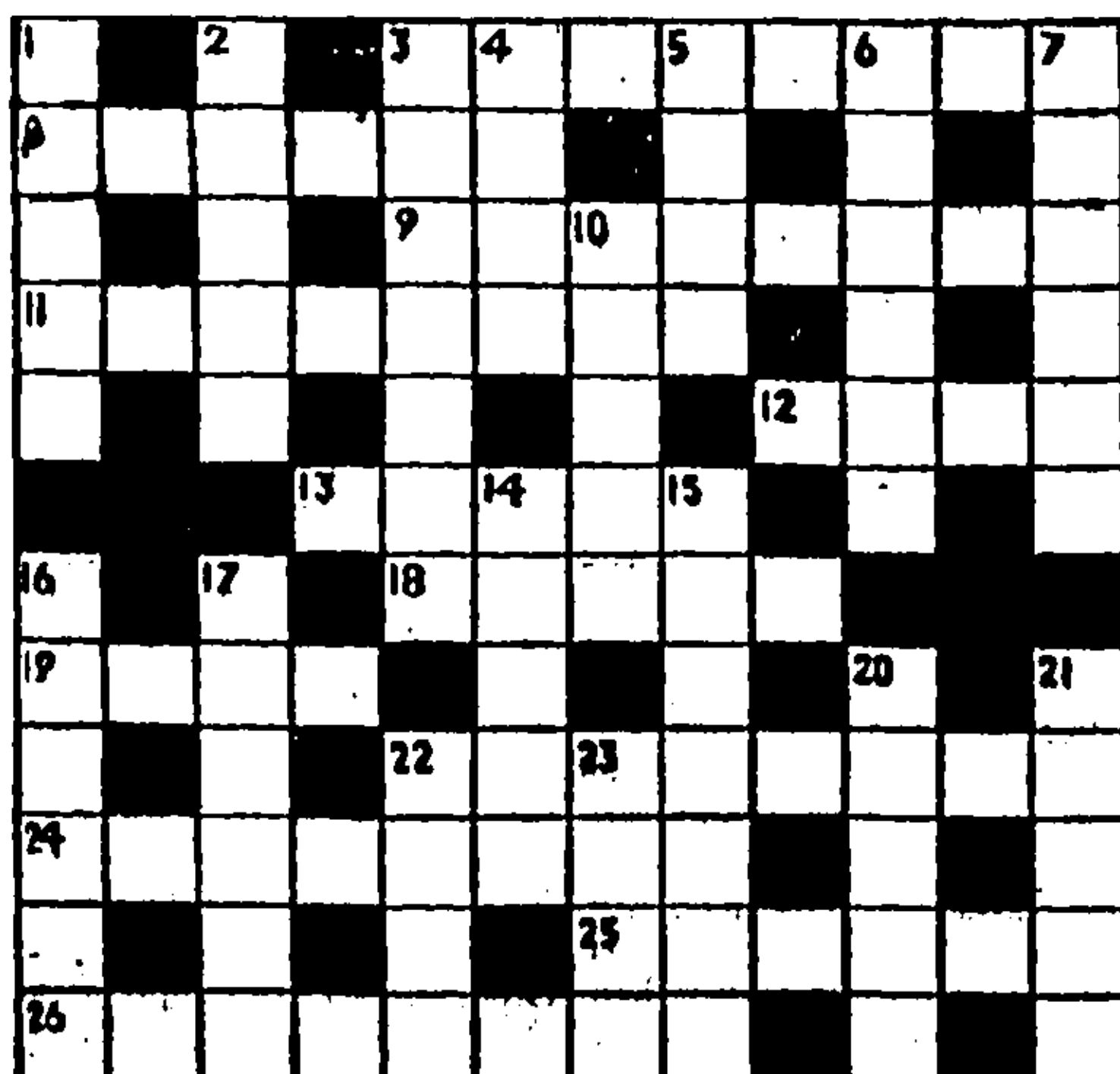
Not So Cold In The Yukon

Edmonton, Alberta, Dec. 6.

The weather office reported today that the cold snap has ended at the village of Snug in the Yukon territory.

After a low of 52 degrees below zero on Saturday night the temperature warmed up to 35 below or so on Sunday.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Preference (8).
- 8 Spanish dance (8).
- 9 Slubbard (8).
- 11 Chirps (8).
- 12 Vendetta (4).
- 13 On the move (6).
- 14 Doctrines (6).
- 15 Accustomed (4).
- 22 Business chief (8).
- 24 Bull-fighter (8).
- 25 Help (6).
- 26 Nautical (8).

DOWN

- 1 Diminish (6).
- 2 Unadorned (6).
- 3 Object (7).
- 4 Garment (4).
- 5 Responsibility (4).
- 6 Likenesses (6).
- 7 Clives in (6).
- 10 Sewer (8).
- 14 Lukewarm (8).
- 15 Opposite (7).
- 16 Habit (6).
- 17 Extreme right (6).
- 20 Denude (6).
- 21 Anger (6).
- 22 Crazy (6).
- 23 Wander (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Familiar, 7 Odour, 8 Espouse, 10 Amulet, 13 Recluse, 15 April, 17 Present, 18 Monitor, 20 Unit, 21 Reapers, 26 Nickel, 27 Immaculate, 28 Candy, 29 Gargoyles, Down: 1 Molar, 2 Begun, 3 Frenzied, 4 Idol, 5 Immense, 6 Result, 9 Stupor, 11 Molon, 12 Lullaby, 14 Errand, 15 Apple, 16 Injury, 18 Mutter, 19 Nipper, 24 Place, 25 Eking, 26 Blays, 28 Alto.

ONASSIS WHALING:

An Englishman
Loses Out

From HUGH DUNDAS

ONE of the biggest losers financially as a result of the Onassis whaling fleet's activities off the Peruvian coast is Englishman Mr Bert Balshaw. For Mr Balshaw is the principal partner in a business firm which has many interests in Peru, including a whaling fleet of five vessels.

And he tells me that he might as well pack up that side of the business altogether if shipping millionaire Aristotle Onassis is to be allowed to carry on his big-scale operations every year.

Last year for instance when Onassis did not operate in these waters, Balshaw's fleet took two hundred and fifty whales, in November, which is the month when they migrate south in large numbers down the Peruvian coast.

This November Balshaw's ships have taken only about sixty. And they must take at least one hundred to break even. There is no doubt about the reason. For Balshaw's vessels Onassis has cleaned up.

Oil Yield

And I have at last found out how much oil he has got aboard the factory ship Olympic Challenger now held captive in Paita Harbour. There are 6,726 tons of the stuff. And that represents nearly 1,700 whales. No wonder there is not much left for Bert Balshaw.

Balshaw, a vigorous, square-jawed man about 50, who came to Peru 27 years ago as a poor man and is now a millionaire, tells me the Onassis fleet would in a few years practically exterminate the species if it went on like this. And of course not a penny of the profit goes to Peru, which has in the past benefited both in the form of revenue and employment from the annual migration of the whales down the coast.

That is the background of the situation which led President Ordaz to take the extraordinary

action of ordering warships and bombers out to capture the Onassis fleet which, though the German captain denied it, was definitely to be seen operating in the main current where whales abound between 40 and 60 miles off the coast.

Though the Peruvian authorities here are now considerably worried about the repercussions of their buccannery exploit, they are definitely not in the mood to climb down.

And it now looks as though the captured ships are not going to be released in a hurry. It is the navy's intention to keep them up at Paita until the matter is officially referred to arbitration or Onassis comes across with some of his millions.

Big Stake

Either way it is unlikely that the fleet will get out in time to get down to the hunting season in the Antarctic. It should really be on the way now.

The main cause of concern for Peruvians in the attitude of Britain and America.

Americans have a stake in the matter because there are big US tuna fishing interests along the coast.

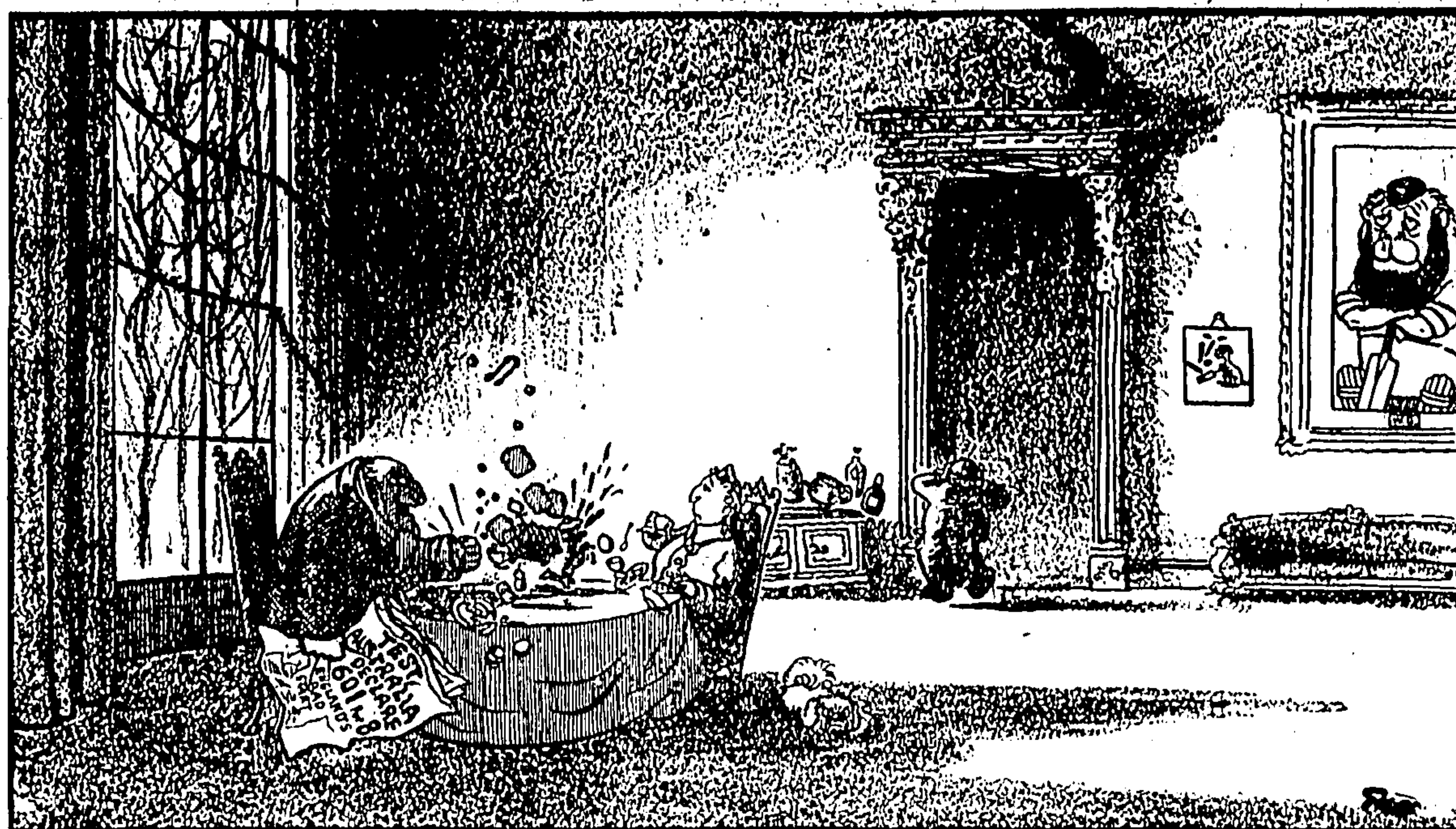
I have met some of these people up at Paita and Pura. And though so far none of their boats has been stopped there is considerable uneasiness.

But probably the Peruvian Government, which has been formally warned that the United States does not recognise the 200 mile extension of territorial waters, will have the sense not to interfere with this U.S. business operation.

In any case it brings revenue and employment up and down the coast.

Probably, therefore, the Onassis affair will drag on here at least long enough for Peruvian dignity to be maintained.

And the only people who will suffer are members of the Onassis fleet who are having to pay up to the tune of hundreds of thousands of pounds and unfortunate crewmen of the whalers who are losing a fat percentage of profit they get for every whale caught.



"Martha! Will you kindly refrain from chirping 'Hush, dear, it's Churchill's birthday!'"

London Express Service

MEMO TO MR. LENNOX-BOYD: DON'T FORGET
THE GENERAL WHO WAITS IN WHITEHALLMAKE HIM THE EMPIRE
TROUBLE-SHOOTER

By Ian Colvin

INTO the Mediterranean week-end flies Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary. His task: to deal with a hot dispute in Malta about duty-free liquor and cigarettes.

The trouble lies between the Maltese Premier, Borg Olivier and NATO. The privileged NATO staff consider themselves entitled to their Scotch and cigarettes at one tenth of the price that Maltese civilians pay. They ask tax exemption too.

This is one of the minor quarrels which strain the ties of Empire. And it will crop up again in Cyprus when the headquarters staff of Middle East Command move to that crowded island from the Suez base.

If the Colonial Secretary does not mind spending most of his time out of Whitehall in the air, he could make similar "peace" trips every week-end. On the problems of his department the sun never sets.

IN A WORD

BUT much more serious demands are made on the time of Mr Lennox-Boyd.

And there is a single word which sums up all these heavier troubles—SUBVERSION.

The Commonwealth Conference, when it meets in January, should put subversion high up on its agenda. For however the statesmen of East and West may disagree, Mao Tse-tung, Malenkov, Churchill, and Dulles may be in full accord on this one point:—

With the danger of large-scale wars receding, it is subversion that will worry the world in the future.

See how subversion stretches through the Continents.

Look first at Africa. In KENYA the Mau Mau are suffering higher casualties in the field. Their losses are nearly 7,000 against 50 of the defence forces pursuing them.

HEAVY STRAIN

IT is possible for arms to reach them through the Sudan, now that Britain has given away its defence position there.

And the British position is weakened by the fact that at the summit we have in Sir Evelyn Baring an able Colonial administrator.

His period of office has been a strain heavy enough

to warrant a new post for him.

Over to NORTH AFRICA. From M. Mendes-France comes an urgent warning and an appeal. The Arab League, protected and directed by Colonel Nasser, is sending arms and agitators into French possessions there.

And LIBYA, a British military base but not under British administrative control since the Foreign Office worked out a sovereign constitution for it, is no barrier to the Egyptian plotters.

Then consider how subversion spreads in Asia.

In SIAM there is a secret rebellion gathering.

From CHINA Mao Tse-tung proclaims the results of his pan-Chinese census of population. It gives him 550 million inside the Chinese Republic and a claim to 50,000,000 outside it—many of them in British Colonies.

Powerful States like INDIA have to face surprises. As Nehru prepares to go to Moscow the Communists emerge as the most powerful party in the province of Andhra, a State of 21,000,000.

The President of India, Dr Prasad, dissolves the Andhra Assembly and puts the State under governor's rule.

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TEMPLER Rests on his laurels

Subversion too it is that threatens EASTERN PAKISTAN, a key to the defence of the free world from the penetration of China.

How does America deal with subversion? She turns to a general.

When the first rumours reached Washington that the severed State of South Vietnam was being rapidly undermined, Eisenhower sent General Lawton Collins there on a training mission.

The general has not been long in Saigon before he announces that American officers will be training Vietnam troops in the tactics that have stopped aggression elsewhere.

Does the success of General Collins not prompt Mr Lennox-Boyd to ask himself a question? Has Britain no Collins who could be the British Empire's trouble-shooter? No outstanding military figure equipped to tackle subversion territories?

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As High Commissioner in Malaya for two years, he brought the six-year jungle war practically to a close—though many think he was removed too soon.

Templer is fit again, and his health does not prevent him taking on a new appointment when one is found for him. So says the War Office.

His qualifications are high; for besides his orthodox military training he has experience of more unconventional weapons. He has used helicopters, jeeps, lectures, and bribes of blood money.

He has made sudden descents into hazardous areas and electrified troops and civilians alike with his presence.

Templer has coolly paid one terrorist for bringing in the body of another, and made rapid visits forward to disrupt the Communist rebels with promises of terms.

DYNAMIC

AND it was his quick brain rather than sheer force that won him laurels in the Communist war. And he has had to rest on those laurels ever since. This is a man who is practised in dealing with SUBVERSION.

Mr Lennox-Boyd could make fine use of him. He could send him travelling round the Empire's danger-spots to probe, advise, and report.

His dynamic energy could be flung unashamedly into the endles battle against subversion. He could become the vital connecting link between our furthestmost trouble-areas and Mr Lennox-Boyd's desk at the Colonial Office.

Sir Gerald said that his last job in Malaya was 25 percent military and 75 percent political. Soldiers who can do that kind of job well are rare indeed. We cannot afford to allow Templer to waste time.

TITO UP TO
NEW TRICKS

By CHARLES WARINGTON

Belgrade. IS Tito getting worried? Or is the wily old man of the mountains working up a new plan to play the East off against the West?

There are no clear-cut answers in this bustling capital where everybody works overtime and few dare to discuss politics.

But one thing is sure—something is up.

Only a month ago, Tito was hinting at a Balkan Pact.

A few days before that, he was saying that Yugoslavia might sign up with a West European union if Germany and France could patch up their quarrel and if the pact was not purely military.

Last week he announced coldly, "Yugoslavia is opposed to the creation of any blocs in Europe."

And he went on to say specifically that he would have no truck with any Atlantic Pact. Moreover, he would like to see a general conference of European powers—provided everybody wanted one and everybody had time to prepare for it.

In short, after six years—the years since his big break with Stalin—of gently insinuating himself into the Western camp, Tito has come out on a flat neutralist line.

Surprise Visits

Perhaps it has something to do with the surprise visits from Russian ambassador Vasily Volynov and something to do with the recent Russian "buttering up."

It is not likely that Tito is influenced by soft words from Moscow. But it is just possible that Moscow has been backing the soft words with hard threats.

Some people here think so anyway.

With Malenkov's satellites sitting in a neat ring around him Tito is an easy mark for infiltration. And he still has his troubles inside, too.

The sturdy Montenegrins who held out against the Turks for a thousand years are still not very fond of Tito. They are rugged individualists and they might not require much encouragement to revolt.

Something Cagey

On the other hand it is possible that Tito has been watching the Western build-up with a view toward finding the right moment to plug the neutralist line.

Once the Paris agreement is signed and West Germany is armed and linked with France, the West may feel that the time to negotiate with the Russians has come.

Whatever the new settlement turns out to be, it would probably be better for Yugoslavia to stand aloof and make its deals when it happens. After all, Tito is forced to live astride the Iron Curtain in more ways than one.

There is not only his geographical position but his ideological position to be considered. He could be squashed by Red strikes whenever the Russians chose, and he might easily be cold-shouldered by Westerners who would think twice about going to war to protect a Marxist dictatorship.

So far, the middle sharp-shooter in Belgrade has always come out on top. Whatever he is up to now it almost certainly something cagey.

What It Is Like To Be Dead

A CHINA MAIL SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
DESCRIBES WHAT HAPPENED TO A YOUNG DOCTOR

Edinburgh. A YOUNG doctor sat in the lounge of a North-of-Scotland hospital a few days ago and quietly explained what it's like to be dead.

And he said it was one of the pleasantest experiences of his life.

The doctor—whose name must be withheld under the unwritten code of British medical ethics—explained that he was recovering from a serious operation.

Pain, wracked, he lay on the bed.

Suddenly the pain left him. He knew what had happened. Carefully he felt his pulse. It had stopped. He listened for the beat of his heart. There was none.

From his medical knowledge he knew that there was a good chance that the operation would strain his heart to the limit. That is what had happened.

He was dead. "I felt nothing but a wonderful feeling of peace and a warm comfort. Everything was serenely easy."

"Then I thought all at once how sad it was that I should not see my wife and child again. I rang the bedside bell for help."

Hospital doctors gave him a shot of adrenaline and some oxygen. Slowly his heart began to beat again—and he came back to life.

STARTLING CASE

The story can be corroborated. But the doctor is having a hard time making people believe it. Could it really happen? Or was he just almost dead?

Some medical authorities believe that experience like the doctor's really do happen, and that he could have been, quite literally, dead.

For instance, on February 25, 1927, Sir Auckland Geddes reported an even more startling case in an address to the Royal Medical Society.

The bulk of his speech was a shorthand record taken by a skilled secretary" of the statement made by a doctor as other doctors brought him back to life.

The doctor outlined his symptoms just before he died and explained that he had "wanted to ring for assistance" but found that he could not.

"By 10 o'clock respirations and pulse became impossible to count. I realised that I was very ill."

"Thereafter at no time did my consciousness become dimmed, but I suddenly realised that my consciousness was separating from another consciousness which was also me. (The latter) I recognised as belonging to my body."

It began to disintegrate while the other consciousness which was now me seemed to be altogether outside my body which it could see.

"Gradually I realised that I could now see not only my whole body but everything in the whole house and garden and everything in London."

and Scotland . . . (and) whatever my attention was directed upon."

"The explanation I received (from what) I found myself calling my mentor was that I was free in a time-dimension of space."

CASES ON FILE

"Just as I began to grasp (all this) I saw 'A' enter my bedroom and hurry to the telephone. I saw my doctor leave his patients and come very quickly."

"As my heart began to beat . . . I was intensely annoyed. I came back into the body really annoyed."

Asks Sir Auckland: "What are we to make of this? The one thing only can be sure. It was not a fake. Without certainty of this, I should not have brought it to your notice."

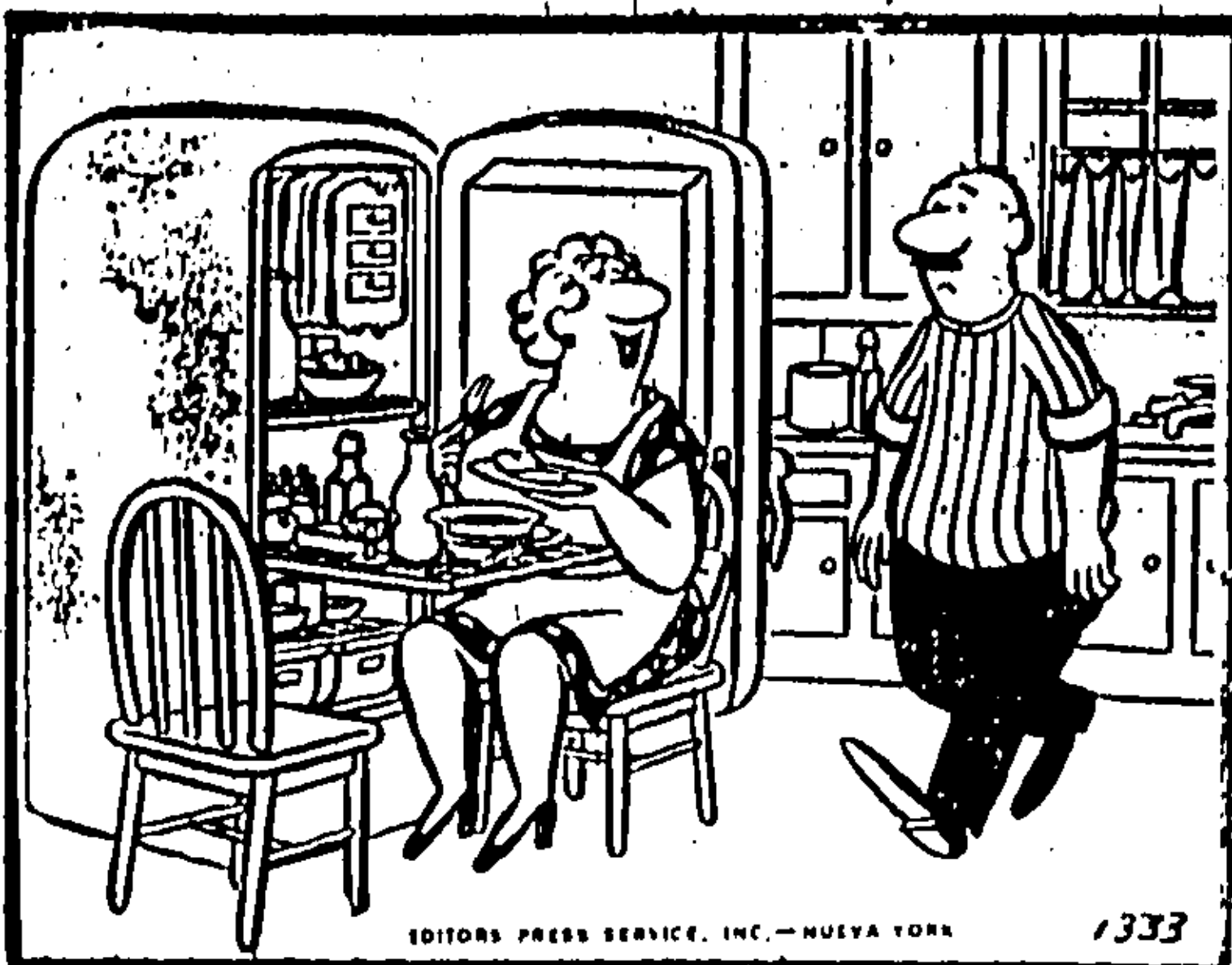
There are other cases—almost as dramatic—on the files. But they all end up with Sir Auckland's question: "What are we to make of it?"

Miniature Masterpieces for Milady...

ROLEX

Superbly elegant—Precisely accurate

Rolex offer a miniature watch of superb elegance, yet with a movement large enough to be a marvel of accuracy—truly the best obtainable!



"I decided we'd just have something nice and simple for lunch today."

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

IT is amazing that people should still admit to their homes anybody who tells them their telephone is out of order—especially if he is "well dressed," "nicely spoken," and has an "Oxford accent" (whatever that may be).

I suppose householders would be still more favourably impressed and still more amenable if the visitor said, "I am a peer of the realm, and have called to see your gamster!" or "I was at Harrow and New College, and would like to test your oven."

Household hints

HOW to lift beetroot into a vase: The beetroot must be cut into very small pieces, or passed through a mincer. If the pieces are too large, the beetroot will not go through the vase, and the vase will be broken. The pieces should be small enough to go through the vase, and the vase will be broken.

Tough man, tougher joint

A MAN who complained of the toughness of his meat ran into the kitchen of the

restaurant where a booby in a high white hat was carving a joint of mutton with blows of a hatchet. The man shouted, "I'm gonna bust this joint wide open!" So saying, he aimed a wicked blow at the mutton, sprained his wrist, and sprang back with a howl of pain.

(G. L. S. News Agency).

The coming contest

INTERVIEWED at his home, Bryn Hador, Aberystwyth, Evans the Hearse revealed that he was suffering from "pepper's nose," a slight inflammation caused by the contact of the nostrils with mother earth, or mother rock, in the case of Evans, whose practice is done on rough, rocky ground. The question of amateur status has again arisen, as Evans is said to have accepted a phial of Nozoi from Flura, and Mold General Phinnar, official Preparation Limited. As soon as he is well enough to push peas again, Evans will meet his old enemy, Dicky Dodd, the Market Harborough virtuoso, who covered a flat mile in 11 hours, and four minutes last month. Dodd is at his Ipswich training quarters, smashing his nose through cardboard walls, to strengthen it and keep punching with alternate nostrils.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Ruff Losing Cards Is Excellent Idea

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S usually a good idea to ruff your losing cards with dummy's otherwise useless trumps. Declarer tried such a plan in today's hand, but it didn't work.

West astutely opened a trump, deducting from the bidding that the dummy was very short of hearts. Dummy won with the ten of spades, and declarer hastily cashed the singleton ace of hearts and led a diamond towards his king in the hope of ruffing a heart with dummy's remaining trump.

This plan had no real chance of success. West captured the king of diamonds with the ace and led another trump, thus destroying dummy's ruffing power. South overtook in his own hand, led a third trump, and then hopefully tried to establish dummy's clubs.

This plan likewise failed because the defenders could hardly fail to pick the right defence.

NORTH 10			
♠ Q 10			
♥ A			
♦ Q 8 7 5 2			
♣ K Q 9 5 4			
WEST			
♠ 7 6 2			
♥ Q 10 7 4 2			
♦ A 3			
♣ 10 6 2			
EAST			
♠ 8			
♥ K J 9 6			
♦ J 10 8 6			
♣ A J 7 3			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A K J 9 5 4 3			
♥ 8 5 3			
♦ K 4			
♣ 8			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♠ 7			

East won the first club trick with his ace and promptly shifted to hearts. Two heart tricks were easily collected, so that the defenders got a total of four tricks to defeat the contract.

It should have been obvious to declarer that the defenders were going to stick to their defence of leading trumps in order to prevent him from ruffing hearts in the dummy. Since that plan would not work, he should have looked for a campaign that had some chance of being successful. He wouldn't have needed to look far.

As soon as the dummy appears, South can count seven trump tricks, one heart, one diamond and one club. The total is ten tricks, enough for the game contract. The only problem, a very slight one, is to establish the tricks in time. After winning the first trick in the dummy with the ten of spades, declarer should lead the king of clubs at once. No defence can then stop declarer from winning ten tricks and he might even succeed in making 11.

South can surely get back to dummy with the ace of hearts to discard a losing heart on the third round of clubs. He will therefore lose at most one heart, one diamond, and one club.

WILLY TOAD

By MAX TRELL

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At the spot where the number six should have been, there was the word: AUTUMN and here at the numbers seven and eight, there were pictures of ripe apples and ripe corn.

At the spot where the number nine usually was, on the faces of most watches, on Willy's watch, there was the word: WINTER. And at the spots where the numbers 10 and 11 usually were, there were pictures of snowflakes and a Christmas tree.

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"Thank you," said Willy. "That's just what I wanted to know."

Knarf and Hanid were now surprised to see Willy reach into his vest pocket and take out a big, brass watch. Willy started moving the hands by means of a stem-winder on the watch, meanwhile muttering to himself: "Half past autumn-time going on to winter."

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WOMANSENSE

Chic Afternoon Dress



Mazzy Rouff's "Circe," an afternoon dress of silk brocade with a metallic sheen—Agence France-Presse.

Have a Banana with Fish

By PAMELA RICHARD

EVER tried giving your man-about-the-house a banana with FISH? Try it. Tonight.

Never be scared of what may seem outlandish mixtures. They often have unexpectedly pleasant tastes.

The French, who have the knack of transforming the ordinary into the unusual with the simplest

twist, call this banana-and-sole dish Filets de Soles Caprice.

For two you need: 4 fillets of sole; butter; white breadcrumbs; salt and pepper; 1 banana.

Dry fish, dip in melted butter, and coat on both sides with seasoned breadcrumbs. So they stick well by pressing with flat of a knife.

Grill to a golden brown, slowly. Lay on each fillet a quarter of the banana sliced lengthways and fried in butter. Serve with creamed potatoes.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Very Unusual Watch

—It Tells Willy the Time of Year—

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TESSA RYLANDS tells you the wonderful work being done by the Society

Where Hongkong's Poor Children Are Cared For

THIS is the Jubilee Year of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children—one of the oldest societies in the Colony.

It was founded in 1929. The Japanese Occupation disrupted its work, but this only made its need greater.

There are five centres, three in Kowloon and two in Hongkong. It is planned to build a new one at Shaikwan, and a site has already been allocated by Government. It is hoped to begin building early in the new year.

The Women's Auxiliary is organising many functions to collect money for this purpose. Fashion shows and Bridge drives are among the many different methods of collecting enough funds for the Society to be able to go forward with the work and to make it a first class centre.

The aim of this Society is to look after babies and very young children whose parents are not able to care for them.

OPENS DAYS AND NIGHT

In many cases the children have only one parent or one of their parents may be in hospital. The Society provides milk for the babies or change for the older ones and their mothers.

There was one case where a baby had two older sisters and a blind father. The mother tried to earn enough money to keep the family by hawking. This was impossible and the family was also behind with the rent, so help was sent by means of milk for the baby, food for the older children and, by way of the Family Welfare Society, help with the rent.

At the Portland Street centre there is a children's creche which is open day and night.

The work of this creche is to look after either children whose parents are working all day and therefore need some place where they can leave their children, or to look after and feed children who have been found undernourished. These are brought in daily and are weighed, bathed and fed.

Designed For Cocktails



"Pascalline"—a beautiful cocktail dress with blue and black floral motif, designed by Nina Ricci—Agence France-Presse.

Queen Salote Rode In The Rain

WHEN Queen Salote of Tonga rode through the rain in the Coronation procession, refusing to put up the hood of her carriage, she was obeying the ancient customs of her kingdom.

Queen Salote reveals this in a book published recently.

A relative of the queen said: "Although such a decision not to cover her carriage was in keeping with the human touch, which lends such distinction to her personality, the principal reason for her action was derived from ancient Tongan custom, of which the queen is both the repository and the pillar."

Months afterwards the author, K. R. Bain, asked the queen about it. "Yes," said Queen Salote, "it is true."

THE TONGAN WAY

"Though I was in London, I still felt and thought as a Tongan, and in our custom I would never cover my carriage in a procession with her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, no matter how wet and cold it might be."

"You see, in the Tongan way, no one may draw attention to himself or make a disturbance in the presence of a personage of higher rank."

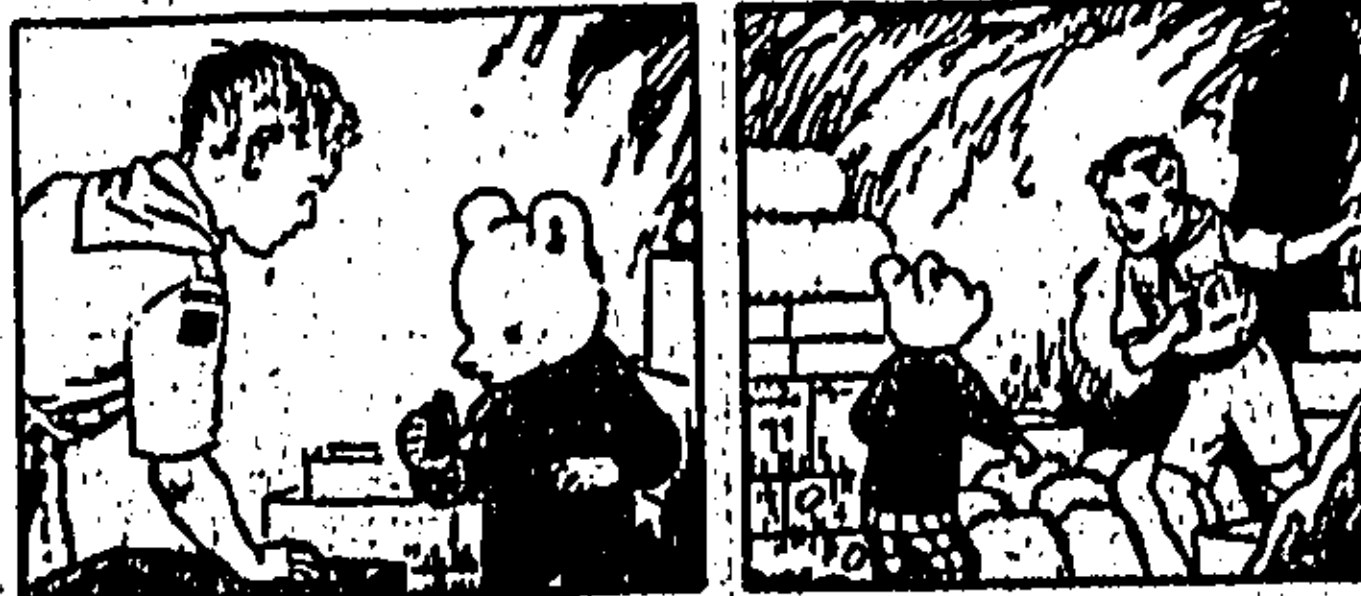
A relative of Queen Salote further explained: "Should a commoner be walking with a person of high rank when the tropical rain invades the lush greenery of the Polynesian scrub, and should the noble put up an umbrella to shield himself from the deluge, his companion may not properly follow suit; to do so would be to put himself up with the nobles."

"Royal Visits to Tonga," Pictorial, 6s. 6d.

—London: Ebury Press.

Just arrived
Rupert's Latest
Adventure
RUPERT
and the
HOLIDAY SHIP
\$1.00

Rupert at Greyrocks Cove—41



Rupert and David hurriedly examined the extraordinary array of boxes, hats, bottles, and bags of cloth that surrounded them. Picking up a tiny bottle, Rupert muttered: "Golly! That's a bottle of..."

—London: Ebury Press.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

BORN today you may not have a life that is all a bed of roses. While holding out talents with one hand, you are also placing obstacles in the way of your career, with the other. However, with the aid of determination, willpower and concentration to a single objective you may reach the heights which should be yours. You have exceptional gifts in the fields of music and literature. Recognition may not come to you as early as you might wish, and this can bring heartache and disappointment. Never permit yourself to become depressed at a setback. Recognize the fact that this will be but a temporary condition; that soon the tide will turn in your favour if you hold to a constructive, optimistic attitude.

Your personal magnetism is marked and when all else appears to fail you—that is still present to help you over a rocky road. Never hesitate to make use of this—it is one of the compensatory gifts which has been given you. You have a

quick intuitive mind though often you can give no reason for your beliefs and this makes it difficult for you to convince others. Now, as you grow older, your gift of making the right decision under stress will be recognized by all who know you. When something needs to be done, you always seem to be in a position to do it.

Your affections are strong and you are easily influenced through your emotions, when you are not moved by reason. Be very cautious in marriage for you would be happier unaided, than married to someone who was not absolutely compatible.

Among those who were born on this date are: Hugh McCulloch, statesman; Heywood Brown, newspaperman; Pietro Mascagni, composer; Fay Bainter, actress; Willa Cather, author; and Rudolph Firlin, composer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

MAGNETARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Now, your wisdom should be sound when it comes to making a decision. Judge by all the known facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—A new idea might be developed into a real paying project. See that it gets to the right person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Everything should go well with you at the office today. Good ideas are accepted by the boss.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may be as progressive as you wish now. Develop a plan you may have had to postpone for a while.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You should be able to advance your personal welfare considerably now. Be aggressive and push your plans.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—That inspiration you have been waiting for is now ready to be brought out from your subconscious and used to advantage.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Aspects are excellent for your advancement. You might receive a promotion and a salary raise.

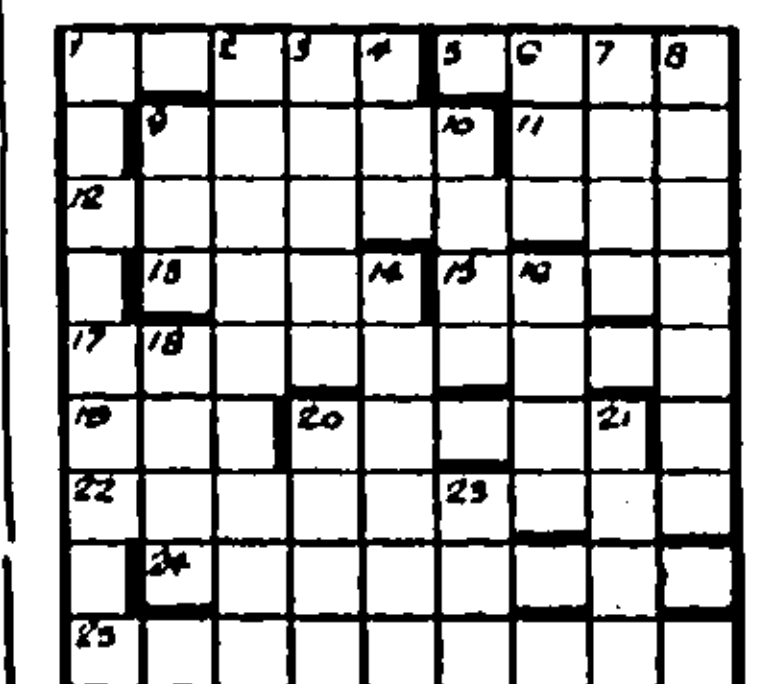
CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Test your ideas. If they are practical, put them into production at once with benefit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—A fine day for anything you may wish to do. Might be a good idea to finish that job have been postponing.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—New ideas for creative writing should work out well just now. Exert your best talents today.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Your general welfare is highly favoured. Take advantage of the trend to consummate an important deal.

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- Slings her, king him (3)
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TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

The Looped Bridge

Here's how to make the cue-ball screw back after contact with an object ball. Once you get into the habit of correct timing and cue delivery, the "screw" stroke will become quite simple to you.

This type of stroke can be very important during the course of a frame, when you are playing a pot to gain position for another ball. So let's take a look at the photograph. It shows the tip of my cue striking the white ball as low as possible for a screw back from the pink spot as to gain position on the black.

The grip on the butt of the cue is slightly shorter than for a normal pot stroke.

Take particular note of the bridge hand which is introduced when the cue-ball is close to an object ball. It enables the player to have more control over the position of the cue-ball.

To make the bridge the forefinger is looped around the cue with the tip of the finger resting on the inside part of the thumb. Having taken this grip correctly, you then arch the hand slightly with finger tips pressed firmly on the table.

The cue must run smoothly through the looped bridge, but on no account must it be allowed to deviate in any way from the line of aim. At all times the bridge hand must be firm.

When you execute the screw stroke don't deliver the cue with a jerky action, and don't throw your weight at the shot. Just strike the ball low and let your cue go through smoothly. You will see how the ball will come back.

F.A. Cup Second Round Matches

F.A. CUP (Second Round)

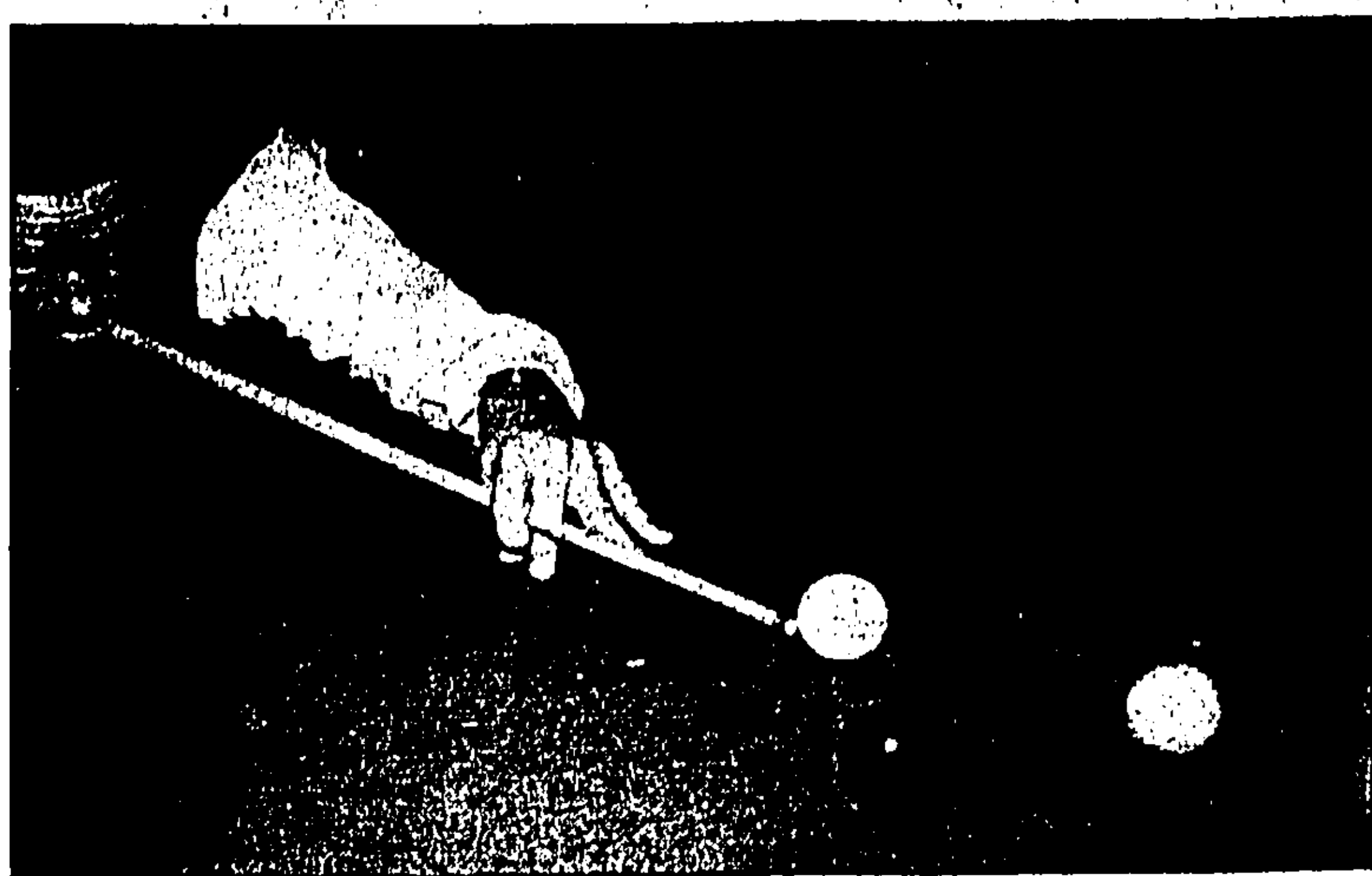
The draw for the second round of the Football Association Cup resulted as follows (matches to be played on Saturday, December 11):

Wrexham v Walsall	Wyth Spartans v Torquay United
Reckdale v Huddersfield Athletic	Crystal Palace v Bishop Auckland
Millwall v Accrington Stanley	Walthamstow Avenue v Dartmouth
Hartlepool United v Aldershot	Leyton Orient v Workington
Brentford v Crayke Town	Selby Town v Hastings United
Gateshead v Barnsley	Bournemouth v Oldham Athletic
Bradford City v Merthyr Tydfil	Coventry City v Scunthorpe
Gillingham v Reading	Bradford v Southend United
Grimsby Town v Southampton	Dorchester Town v York City
Carlisle United v Watford	Norwich Town v Brighton and Hove

Replays, if necessary, to be played on or before Thursday, December 16.

The following are the Home soccer fixtures for Saturday, December 11:

Division I	
Arsenal	v Charlton
Burnley	v Manchester U.
Cardiff	v Sunderland
Chelsea	v Aston Villa
Everton	v Sheffield W.
Leicester	v Wolves
Manchester C.	v Southampton
Newcastle	v Portsmouth
Preston	v Huddersfield
Sheffield U.	v Bolton
West Brom.	v Blackpool
Division II	
Birmingham	v Liverpool
Bury	v Blackburn
Derby	v Derby
Doncaster	v Notts C.
Leeds	v Fulham
Lincoln	v West Ham
Luton	v Cardiff
Middlesbrough	v Bristol R.
Portsmouth	v Swansea
Sheffield W.	v St. Mirren
Stoke	v Plymouth
Division III (North)	
Southport	v Stockport
Scottish League "A"	
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Greenock	v Celtic
Kilmarnock	v Queen of South
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Alloa	v Partick
Corsewall	v Greenock
Forfar	v Queen of South
Hamilton	v Dundee U.
St. Johnstone	v Arbroath
Third Lanark	v Greenock



Horace Lindrum demonstrates the screw shot. Note the looped bridge hand.

Scotland Will Change Their Colours Against Hungary

By ROBERT RUSSELL

Scotland will desert her traditional dark blue jerseys for the Hungary match at Hampden on December 8. Instead the team will wear a navy blue jersey with white sleeves.

While this will be the first time a Scotland eleven has worn a strip of this design, there have been other occasions when a change of colours has been made.

Scotland's second strip is usually the famous "brooch" colours—primrose and rose. But they have also played in white, particularly at the time when the national colour of the Irish teams was believed to be not-blue but green.

ONLY FOR THIS GAME

"The change is being made for this game only," Sir George Graham, Secretary of the SFA, tells me.

"We feel that if the day is dull the white sleeves will help as a contrast to the cherry red jerseys of the Hungarians."

The change should also be a boon to the TV viewers.

Sir George waits patiently for a letter from the Hungarian FA about the final arrangements for the team's stay in Scotland.

As yet he does not know when they will arrive, though he has provisionally booked them into a Glasgow hotel from Monday, December 6, to Thursday, December 9.

"I don't know exactly what to lay on for them," I was told, "but they have definitely stipulated that no entertainment programme is to be arranged for the players before the game."

"The Lord Provost of Glasgow has invited them to a reception in the City Chambers, but I wonder if that will come under the category of 'entertainment,'" said Sir George.

The entertainment ban shows how seriously the Magyars are taking the game and Lesser Hampden will be made available to them at any time during their stay.

The SFA have received a provisional list of 24 players—including the famous Puskas—but it is not yet decided which players will make the journey.

LARGE PARTY

In view of the club matches of Hove and Red Bank after the Hungary visit the party is likely to be a large one.

At a reception after the match, the Hungarian FA will be presented with a two-handled traditional Scottish silver quail or loving cup. Each of the players and officials will be given a tartan rug.

And there will be another Highland note before the match.

Pirie Will Go To Germany For A Medical Check-up

Gordon Pirie, hero of the recent international cross-country race in Brussels, will probably visit Germany for a routine medical check-up by Professor Woldemar Gerschler, his coach, before he runs again.

Said Pirie: "I am feeling fine and ready to run like a million, but the check-up must come before I race."

The Belgian event was Pirie's first big meeting since his recovery from the damaged foot which kept him out of the last European Championships.

(London Express Service)

when the Scottish skipper will present the Hungarian captain with a tartan pennant.

The SFA have submitted a panel of five Dutch referees, and one of them, along with two Dutch line-men, will be in charge of the game.

Twenty tons of straw will be taken to Hampden. And Renfrew meteorological officials will give a daily forecast, covering the following 48 hours. If the forecast is frost, the straw will be put down.

(London Express Service)

HILDEGARDE NEFF ON HER WAY TO STARDOM?



LEONARD MOSLEY charts the chances of a girl at the crossroads

FOR a burished, high-candle-power blonde named Hildegard Neff, Christmas this year is going to be crisis-time.

On two sides of the Atlantic the most powerful people in the world of entertainment—in other words YOU—will make up their minds whether she is an international star.

In New York, Hildegard will be making her stage debut in a mammoth new musical based on Greta Garbo's biggest hit in films, NINOTCHKA.

In London, she opens in a new British film called SVEN-GAIL, in which she has the choice meaty starring role of Trilby.

So far, Hildegard Neff has shown (in such films as "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," with Gregory Peck) that she has a luminous personality and delicate acting skill. But stardom has eluded her.

Why, with her beauty, acting ability, and powerful personality, has she missed the top?

Is it because she tries just a bit too hard, is just a little too determined, allows nothing to stand in the way of her ambitions?

If so in Hildegard Neff it is forgivable. She has known what it is like to starve, and is determined never to starve again.

Ambition

SHE was born in East Germany and was in Berlin when the Russians blasted their way in.

Then, to eat, she worked in a Red canteen, until she got a job in a repertory company and did feature roles in films made by the East German Government.

Hildegard was ambitious even then, and was looking westward. Presently, in the West zone, she met a young American Army officer and they were married. She accompanied him back to the U.S. and she has now (although her marriage

was dissolved) gained American citizenship.

She never lets up—travelling the world with a woman companion in search of good parts in good films.

Now she has her finest opportunity. The producers of her New York play picked her for the name-role in "Ninotchka" because she resembles Garbo in voice, looks, and personality. She can also sing and dance.

(London Express Service)

THOSE WIDE OPEN SPACES ARE THE CINEMA'S PULL

Says COLLIE KNOX

Mr Humphrey Bogart is a man who rarely speaks unless spoken to, and even then under protest. Were I to choose a man to whom to make a Transatlantic telephone call at my own expense, Bogart's the boy.

When he does make an utterance in his fascinating nutcracker of a voice, it is short but neat. At our last meeting I asked him if he planned to go into TV in a big way. "Not going in TV at all," he croaked. "I'm doing pretty well out of the movie racket. Always be movies. Suits me."

Exhausted by this speech, he vanished into his studio dressing-room and lay down for an hour. Since then, due to TV, the movie habit has changed. It is no more a habit. Aforetimes, individuals and families reserved a night each week to visit the local cinema.

Often they went not knowing the name of the film, or caring, so long as it was round the corner. Now they tumble into their cars and voyage far afield to see a film which promises a good story and a star-spangled cast. Choice has won the day.

Hongkong To Send Team For 1956 Olympic Games In Australia

The Council of the Hongkong Football Association with Mr C. S. Wang in the chair, yesterday decided to provisionally enter the Colony for the 1956 Olympic Games in Australia.

A letter from FIFA asking for entries before December 1st, 1954, was received. The letter stated that not more than 10 teams are able to play through the final rounds and that if there were more than this figure, qualifying rounds, on a zonal basis, would have to be played off. A team will consist of 20 players.

The Council also decided that it would not be possible for Hongkong to embark on a European tour without some guarantee from the host countries concerned. Mr Wolfe Lyberg, an old-time friend of the Hongkong Football Association, sent a letter to the FA stating that he was prepared to undertake the arrangements for the tour, and asked the FA to notify him as soon as possible. He drafted out a tentative programme which included three matches in Sweden, three matches in Denmark, three matches in Germany, two in Austria, one in Switzerland, two games in France, one in Spain and an unknown number of matches in England.

Mr Lyberg also stated that he could promise approximately US\$2,000 from each match.

The Council decided that Hongkong would need at least \$250,000 before they could start moving on what would eventually turn out to be a two-month tour. They would start a bout the end of May and complete the tour in August 1955.

The meeting decided to make Mr Lyberg the official representative of the Hongkong Football Association, and the Secretary of the Association was instructed to write and invite him to take up this position and to ask for further details.

Complimentary tickets
Regarding the issue of complimentary tickets by South

China, which was brought up by Mr. George at the last Management Committee Meeting of the FA, Mr. George last night asked the Association what was being done.

The Secretary replied that letters had been written to both the Hongkong Football Club and to South China and replies had been received. Club gave a clear and detailed list of how many complimentary tickets had been issued and to whom, but South China flatly denied they had issued any tickets. Mr. George disagreed emphatically on this point.

Mr. George asked the HKFA for their support on this matter.

The HKFA Secretary was requested to write to South China and clear up the point on passes and complimentary tickets and to demand a full explanation. Also South China is to be requested to send a set of all complimentary tickets and passes to the FA.

Regarding the matter of substitution, it was decided after a lengthy discussion to write to FIFA and ask them for a set of their rules. Mr. J. A. Kearney asked the meeting under what rules HKFA matches were played. "My idea is not to substitute a player because he has had an off day," stated Mr. Kearney.

Major Walker, quoted the FIFA rules on this point: "A goalkeeper can be substituted at any time. Any other two players may be substituted up to a minute before half time." A long discussion took place on the official capacity of the HKFA coach. Certain Council members wanted to know under what agreement he was working under. A copy of the contract is to be circulated.

A proposal by Mr. Lo Tsun-huen, another Council member, asking that Mr. Tom Sneddon's name be deleted from the HKFA programmes, was defeated by a vote of seven to five.

A letter from the Australian FA stating that they regretted cancelling their South East Asian tour was read out to the Council. The Australian Association did not get enough support from Singapore, and Bangkok. Manila failed to reply to their letter.

The Admirals of Vienna are taking over the tour of the Vienna Sports Club of Austria. Admira has in its line-up nine World Cup Internationalists. They want to play in Hongkong on Feb. 12, 13, and 14, but the FA have written to them asking them to change the dates to February 15, 16, and 17, and offering a sum of \$48,000 instead of the \$62,000 asked for. This team was seven times champion of Austria.

A joint letter from South China and the Hongkong Football Club asking for their share of the Pool Fund, was granted by the FA.

Sing Tao requested and were given permission to play exhibition matches in Macao.

It was decided by the meeting that in future, no complimentary tickets would be transferable. Mr. Channing, Chairman of the Grounds Committee stated that many people gave away their tickets, and he resulted in a confusion at the ground before the match. In future, VIP's would be handed their tickets at the gate.

The meeting also stated that no Council Member, whatever his capacity, could approach a referee during a match, and question or ask a point on a decision.

It was proposed by the Meeting to hold a private cocktail party for Mr. Jack Skinner before he went home on retirement.

The following is the draw for the first round of the International Cup.

Portugal v China and Scotland v England, both to be played at the Club ground on the same day. Matches will be of 40 minutes duration.

The draw for the Governor's Cup is as follows: HKFA v CAA (South China ground January 2); the return match will be played at the Club ground.

Senior Shield
The following is the draw for the second round of the Senior Shield.

Eastern v Kitchener; KMB v South China; Police or CAA v Club; St. Joseph's v Army.

Junior Shield draw is: SCAA v Talook; Solicitors v Roadworkers; RAF v Army; Jardines v Little Sai Wan; CAA v Kitchener; KMB v Tramways; Gymnastic v Eastern; Club v Sing Tao.

Third Round of the Junior Shield is: Jardines or Sai Wan v RAF or Army; SCAA or Talook v Club or Sing Tao; Gymnastic or Eastern v Solicitors or Roadworkers; CAA or Kitchener v KMB or Tramways.

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Railway Strike In France

Paris, Dec. 6. French locomotive engineers have been called out for a 48-hour strike starting tomorrow (Tuesday) morning. The main cause of the strike is the progressive electrification of the French railways which has deprived engineers of many of the bonuses they earned when driving steam engines. The strike move by the "Autonomous" Engineers Union has received no support from unions in other categories of railway workers and is not expected to lead to a general paralysis of the French railway. — France-Press.

Precious sulphur wastes by the million ton

London, Dec. 6. Though there is a world-shortage of sulphur, Britain's chimneys are belching more than 2,500,000 tons of it into the air every year. This is more than six times the amount of sulphur used by British industry.

Much of this sulphur could be recovered for use before it pollutes the atmosphere, the Beaver Committee points out. A promising method of extracting much of the sulphur now escaping from power station chimneys is being tested by the British Electricity Authority. Significant amounts of sulphur might also be extracted from coal, oil refinery gases, and the fumes of factories. This sulphur in the form of fumes is now helping to cause bronchitis and pneumonia. — (London Express Service).

Paris Agreements Debate On Original Date

Bonn, Dec. 7. Christian Democrat deputies will insist on beginning the first reading of the "Paris agreements" in the Bundestag (lower house) on December 15 despite its postponement in the French Parliament-party sources said here last night.

The date of December 15 was chosen originally to coincide with the debate in the French National Assembly so as to lessen the chance of statements made in one Parliament influencing deputies in the other. When the French Government postponed the debate a week, there were unconfirmed reports here that the Government parties, including the Christian Democrats, were anxious to follow suit.

The Steering Committee of the Bundestag is to meet today to fix the date for the debate. — Reuter.

New Delhi, Dec. 7. The Indian Government has offered rewards ranging up to 10,000 rupees (£750) for the discovery of uranium deposits. The largest prize of 10,000 rupees will go to any persons who lead to the discovery of deposits producing 50 tons of uranium with not less than 0.4 per cent U²³⁵. Lesser prizes will be given to those finding smaller deposits of uranium-bearing. — Reuter.

Reports On Pope Conflict

Vatican City, Dec. 6.

The terms of the report published this afternoon by the "Osservatore Romano" — the Vatican newspaper, on the health of Pope Pius XII have caused some surprise and anxiety here. While information from Papal circles and from those caring for him say that he is resting almost normally and that surprising progress has been made, the paper speaks only of "brief periods of partial consciousness and very slight progress."

And particularly where the Pope is concerned, the Vatican is a closed door, from which only scraps of information filter. It is difficult to know exactly where the truth lies.

OUT SHORT RUMOURS

Those who follow closely the Pope's state of health consider, however, that today's report in the "Osservatore Romano" is designed to cut short the rumours circulating since yesterday morning in the Catholic world, according to which the Pope is already on the way to complete recovery.

These same circles insist that while perhaps no serious organic or functional malady endangers the Pope and nothing will be known until after the X-ray examination a sudden falling of a man of 78 must still be feared. Anxiety will give place to certainty of recovery only when the Pope has sufficiently recovered his strength to overcome, for example, the weakness of his heart.

The still serious condition of the Pope is shown by the almost continuous presence near him of three doctors and their assistants, his regular doctor, Professor Galeazzi Lizi, Surgeon Luigi di Stefano, and the Swiss doctor, Paul Michaux.

The Pope has also received frequent visits from his nephew, Prince Pacelli, who has been keeping other members of the family in touch with the situation. He still remains in bed all day, resting, and listening a little to the radio when his strength allows it. He also has the newspapers read briefly to him. — France-Press.

ATOM WASTE BURIED AT SEA

New York Dec. 6.

Once a month concrete coffins are brought from Bethesda, Maryland, to Norfolk, Virginia, and loaded in a consignment ship at night to be taken out for burial at sea.

The coffins do not contain corpses, but materials, such as clothing and furnishings, which have been contaminated by radioactive isotopes in experimental work at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda.

Before the present method of disposal began the Institute had made many experiments. It was decided that the safest and most economical container was the concrete coffin.

TRIED BURYING

Earlier, they had tried burying the radioactive materials deep within the earth. But there always existed the possibility of an upheaval of the earth which would break the coffin and toss the containers to the surface.

Burial at sea was decided upon after biologists and oceanographers agreed that there was practically no possibility of contaminating sea life.

Although there will always be a possibility of leakage, the scientists believe that because of the constant motion of ocean currents, the "hot" ray would soon be distributed so widely that any addition to ocean radioactivity would be infinitesimal.

They also believe that the coffin will hold their contents reasonably secure for at least a century, and by that time radioactivity would probably have vanished. — (London Express Service)

Kotelawala Meets Ike

Washington, Dec. 6. Sir John Kotelawala, the Prime Minister of Ceylon, had a half hour talk with President Eisenhower here today on economic means for fighting Communism in Southeast Asia.

Sir John is in the United States for a three-day visit during which he will hold a series of talks with high-ranking Government officials.

He was the guest of honour at a small luncheon given by key members of the Eisenhower cabinet and which the President himself attended.

A group of leading businessmen had also been invited. — France-Press.

No New Plan To Neutralise Formosa

Washington, Dec. 6. A United States official said today that no new plan for possible "neutralisation" of Formosa was under consideration in Washington.

He was commenting on press reports which said that the Indian Embassy here, acting on instructions from New Delhi, had submitted such a plan to the State Department.

These reports said that under this plan an international caretaker commission would take over the administration of Formosa from Chiang Kai-shek and his "Nationalist Government" and a referendum would be held for Formosans to decide whether or not they wanted a merger with the mainland.

A spokesman for the Indian Embassy also firmly denied the existence of such a plan saying: "We have no knowledge of such a plan and India certainly has taken no initiative in this regard." — Reuter.

OVER 1 MILLION LEPROS IN INDIA

Indore, Dec. 7. There are about 1,500,000 lepers in India, of whom 350,000 are infectious, according to the Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation.

There are only 100 leper colonies in the country accommodating 10,000 persons, while the number of clinics giving outdoor treatment is 1,000.

Certain parts of Madras, Travancore-Cochin, Orissa, West Bengal and Bihar are highly endemic areas for leprosy. The incidence of the disease is believed to be on the increase in Bombay, Madras, Travancore and Rajasthan. — Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



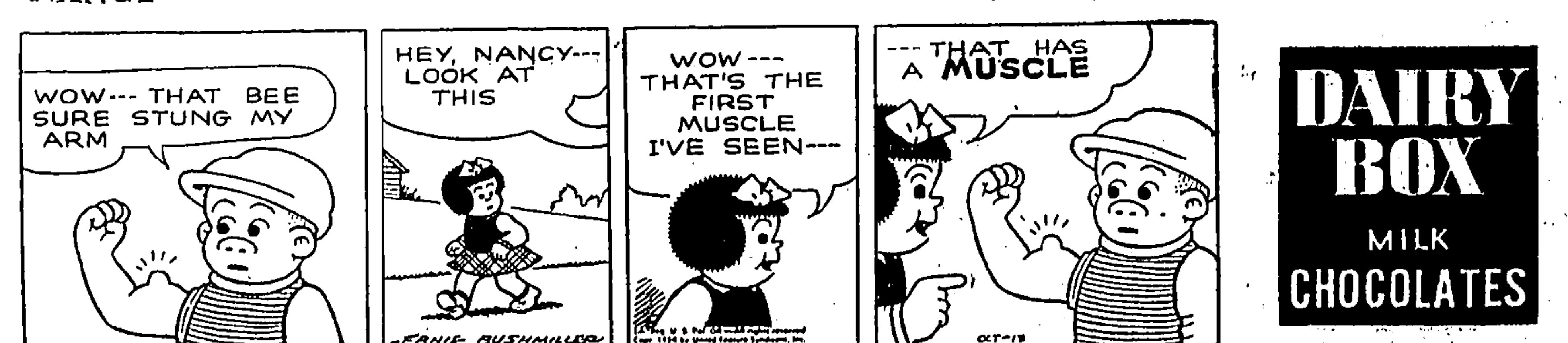
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Secretary To The Treasury Says U.S. BUDGET NOT LIKELY TO BE BALANCED

Washington, Dec. 6.
The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr George Humphrey, said today that he did not believe the United States could balance its budget during the coming fiscal year 1955-56.

Mr. Humphrey made his statement at a press conference when asked to comment upon the effect upon budgetary policy of a number of new projects contemplated by the Executive Administration, including higher pay for Federal Government employees and the increase of Export Import Bank loans.

He said that whatever was decided on such a programme would be settled before Congress convened next January.

Regarding budgetary prospects, Mr. Humphrey said that present estimates of a deficit of approximately \$4,750 million (£1,700 million) for the year ending June 30, 1955, appeared to be about right although they were due for review in the near future.

At Last Night's Press Conference



Miss Ava Gardner, the film star, photographed at a Press conference at the Republic Hay Hotel yesterday. — (Staff Photographer).

AVA GARDNER WAS NOT JUST PUNCTUAL

—She Was Ahead Of Time
By Jane Roberts, China Mail Film Critic

Recently there have been several Press Conferences for film personalities and the organisation of each one has been suitably impressive.

Ava Gardner's was even more commendable. Scheduled for 6 o'clock yesterday, she was there, not punctually, but ahead of time!

It wouldn't have been possible to have had a more co-operative person to interview. She looked friendly, she spoke freely and charmed us all by appearing completely natural.

LITTLE MAKE-UP

With her dark hair dressed very simply in a chignon and with an absolute minimum of make-up, she gave the impression of being someone who would give a truthful answer without the slightest reflection on its publicity value.

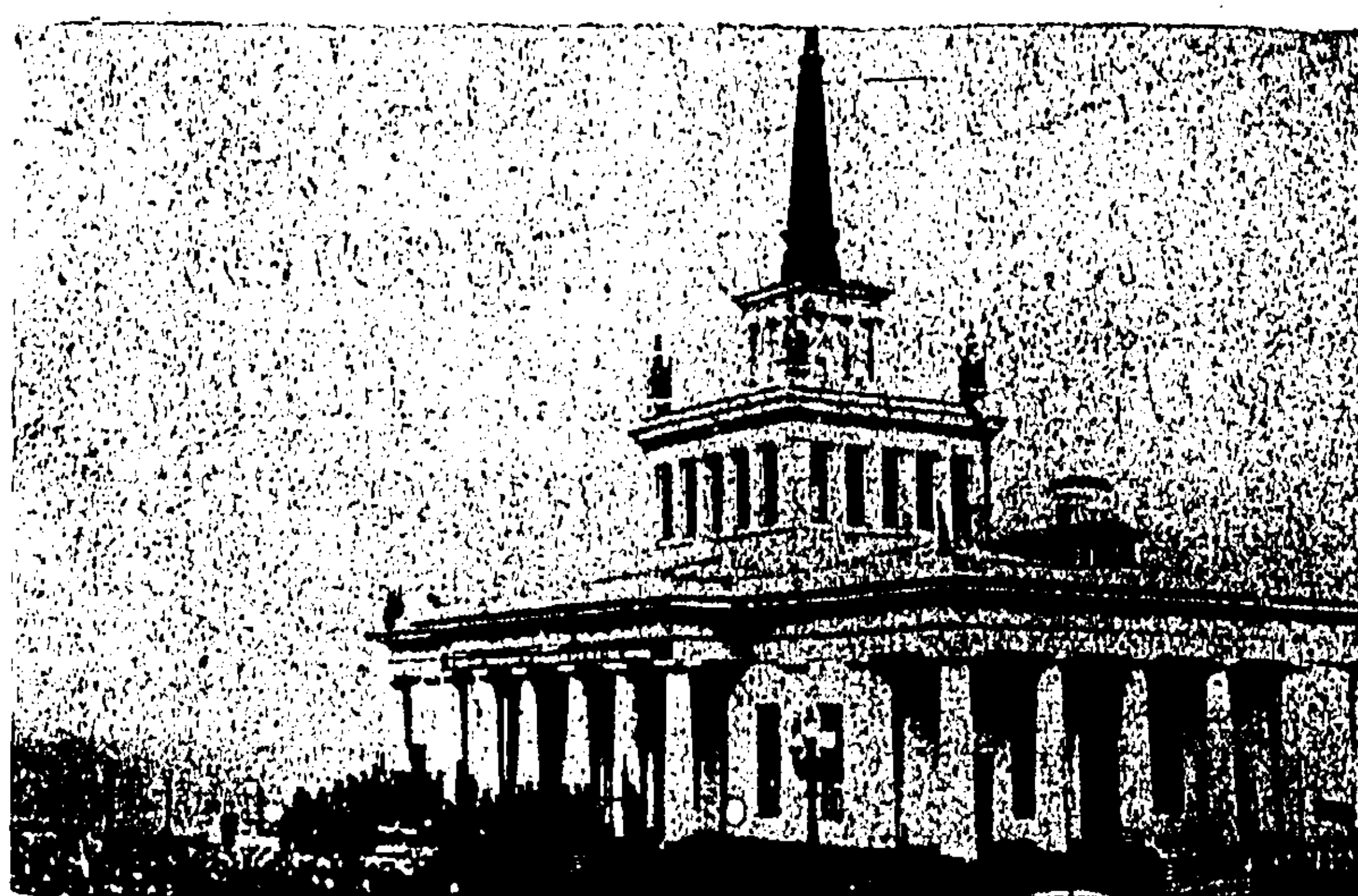
She was asked a good many questions, quite a lot of them personal and provocative.

To all of them she gave reasonable replies in the same soft, low-pitched voice we know from the screen. It transpired that her favourite colour was green, that she'd learned Spanish fairly recently (her accent was perfect) and her closest girl friends in Hollywood were Lana Turner and Grace Kelly.

She was looking forward to her next picture in February, which would be "Bhowani Junction", work would start for her on February 1st in Pakistan with Stewart Granger.

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New Lenin Memorial Station Opened



The opening ceremony of Leninskaja Railway Station took place recently at Gerok-Leninskij, where Lenin died. In the centre of the new station hall stands a large sculpture of Lenin.—London Express Photo.

No Confidence Motion Today

Japanese Party Leaders Discuss Yoshida Crisis

Tokyo, Dec. 7.

Japan's governing Liberal party leaders met in an emergency conference this morning to decide what action the Government should take if it were defeated in the No Confidence motion scheduled to be presented in the Diet lower house later in the day.

French May Intervene In Army Revolt

Saigon, Dec. 6.
Contrary to reports reaching here earlier today, the small post of Cana, on the Annam coast, occupied by deserters from the Vietnamese National Army, has not been retaken by regular army forces. It was

The desertion took place on November 21, when Colonel Nguyen Quang-huung led a revolt of half the garrison of Phanrang (south central Vietnam).

The deserters seized a considerable sum of Vietnamese piastres from the garrison chest and took to the hills.

The loyal soldiers at Cana were made prisoners. Since the revolt, Colonel Huong was believed to have gathered more men behind him and his refusal to evacuate the post and release the prisoners led the Vietnamese National Army Chiefs of Staff to suggest launching an operation against Cana.

This met with opposition from the Defence Ministry in Saigon and the incident greatly increased tension between the Ngo Dinh-diem government and the Army Chief of Staff.

This situation is further complicated by the fact that Colonel Huong cut the railway line in the Cana region and blocked the French Union military train traffic. The French authorities are expected to intervene soon to free these troops.—France-Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30. Despatch—Band of Her Majesty's Coldstream Guards; 6.30. "First Hearing" presented by Hugh Sullivan (Studio); 6.30. Weather Report; 7. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10. Commentary (London Relay); 7.15. Special Announcements; 7.15. Interlude for Music with Key Conventions (BBC); 7.20. Forces Favourites (London Relay); 8. La Demeure (Studio); 8.20. "Rendezvous"—A Serial Story in Eight Episodes by John Jowett, Episode 8 (Recorded in the Western Century—Evans); Rose Barker (Faith Butler), Philip Pearce (Stan Lloyd), Ida Hocking (Dorothy Lewis), Miss Champ (Dorothy Scott), Shop-Keeper (Patricia Scott), Come (Peter Keeler) (Dorothy Lewis); 8.30. Produced by Patrick Butler for the Garrison Players; 9. Time Signal; 9.10. Music of the Western Century—Concerto in F for piano and orchestra (Recorded in the Western Century—Evans); 9.15. The Hard Core of Crime—Some thoughts on the Understanding and treatment of Criminals (Dorothy Lewis); 10. Vocal Favourites from "Naughty Marietta" with Gordon MacRae and Margaretta Scott; 10.15. The Ballet—Operatic Ballet Music—Dorothy Lewis; 10.30. News and Current Affairs; 10.35. Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; 11.15. News and Current Affairs; 11.30. God Save the Queen; 11.35. Close down.

Leaders of the party, including Deputy Premier Taketora Ogata, were reported to be urging Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida to resign with his Cabinet.

But Mr Yoshida wants to dissolve the lower house, his alternative course of action if motion is adopted.

120 OPPOSED

About 120 Liberals are opposed to dissolution. Mr Ogata and other Liberal leaders joined this group late last night at an emergency conference of leaders.

The conference broke up without any decision being reached and was continued this morning.

Mr Yoshida met with his Cabinet leaders after the Party leaders' conference to continue discussions on the Government's future course of action.

PARTY CAUCUS

A party caucus was scheduled to be held later in the morning, but party leaders said it was possible there would be no time to hold it.

The No Confidence motion was submitted yesterday by the Opposition Conservative party, and Socialist parties.

They have a total of 253 seats in the lower house compared with the Liberals' 185. Under the Constitution the Cabinet must resign en bloc if the lower house is not dissolved within ten days of the motion being adopted.

If the house is dissolved general elections must be held within 40 days of dissolution.

If the Cabinet resigns the lower house must elect a new Prime Minister.

If the Cabinet resigned today it was expected that election for a new Prime Minister would take place tomorrow, the last day of the current extraordinary session.—Reuter.

Cold Weather Sweeps U.S.

Chicago, Dec. 6.
The season's first big cold wave spread over the Eastern part of the United States today and knifed Southward as far as North Carolina.

New York State shivered in one of the coldest weather, with Binghamton reporting the country's lowest afternoon reading—12 degrees above zero.

New York City had 23 degrees and similar temperatures prevailed throughout New England. Snow flurries also hit New England, piling up to three inches at Cape Cod and one inch at Boston.

Snow swirled across the Great Lakes region and in South Dakota.—United Press.

GATT DELEGATE SUPPORTS WORK OF O.E.E.C.

Geneva, Dec. 6.

M. Andre Philip, of France, said today his Government did not share the view that the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (O.E.E.C.) had ended its task and was now an obstacle to the development of trade.

This organisation, he declared, was not a hindrance to the liberation of world trade. Speaking during an impromptu debate, on some of the points raised earlier by Mr C. D. Howe, Canadian Trade Minister, M. Philip told a special plenary meeting of the current GATT review session that he himself was a favourer of the development of international trade and outlined the essential conditions for it.

In particular he stressed the insufficiency of international investments, which were too low to assure the equilibrium of trade.

NO ABANDONMENT

In passing he mentioned that France had invested three per cent of its national revenue over the last three years in the development of territories in the French Union.

Mr Howe had earlier told the meeting that the primary object of GATT should be to dismantle trade restrictions, and that his Government had no intention of wholesale abandonment of existing preferences.

Mr W. C. Naude (South Africa) expressed wholehearted agreement with Mr Howes views on the undesirability of export subsidies, it was understood.

He said that export subsidies were unwise and extremely disturbing. They were part of a whole complex of issues, including disposal of surpluses and restrictions in agricultural trade.

It was understood that Mr Naude said solution of the question of United States trade restrictions would largely determine the future of the GATT. The adjustments needed in United States policy were part of the price of responsibility of a leading world power, he added.

VERY USEFUL

Mr Naude said the stock-taking which came about as an incidental and unexpected result of Mr Howes speech had been very useful. He suggested that a formal stock-taking debate be fixed before the conference recessed for Christmas. This proposal was supported by a number of delegations and it seems probable that such a debate will be arranged.

Sir Claude Corea (Ceylon) criticised Mr Howes statements about the under-developed countries. He said these countries must have special consideration for their development programmes, it was understood.

Mr C. W. Sanders (Britain) expressed appreciation of Mr Howes speech, it was understood.

Mr Winthrop Brown (United States), also expressed general agreement and support for Mr Howes statement.

He agreed with M. Philip on the need for international investment. The United States had shown its willingness to work with the under-developed countries in providing aid of various kinds for their development.

But this was a two-sided operation, he added. There was as much to be done by the receiving country as by the country providing capital.

Mr Brown said he considered the reduction of trade barriers could play an important part in creating a receptive climate for development.

He thought regional groups had done a good job, but that this should not prevent the world from going ahead with broader operations.

Replying to concern expressed by the Swedish delegation that tariff reduction was not proceeding fast enough, Mr Brown said the United States was continuing the process and he saw no cause for dissatisfaction.

He referred to statements by President Eisenhower and Congressmen that it is hoped to give further tariff legislation early consideration.—Reuter.

Cold-Shouldered For A Year By Workmates

Chesterfield, Dec. 7.

For crane driver Ronald Hewitt, ignored and cold shouldered by his workmates, 1954 has been a year of silence. And it looks as if it is going to stay that way.

He was ignored by his 300 workmates last December for refusing to join in a one-day strike for more pay at the Iron and Chemical Company's machine shop at Staveley, near here.

In June the 300 silent men removed their sentence because he had not repented. Now the sentence is up but the men are still not talking.

For a year, 30-year-old Hewitt has given instructions to his labourers in sign language and read Westerns instead of joining in gossip. But now he is getting tired of his workmates' attitude.

"I will give them a few days to make up their minds. If the position remains the same, I will ask my own union and my employers to help me."

DIFFERENT UNIONS

Hewitt belongs to the Municipal and General Workers Union. His workmates belong to the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

For a year he has eaten his lunch in the works canteen in silence. Even men he had been at school with gave him the cold shoulder. Outside the factory the 300 silent men carried on their big freeze. They shunned him at dusk. In the local he had to drink alone.

He used to play cricket and football with his workmates but this year he was not asked to join them. Instead he went home every night to play with his children and watch television with his wife.—China Mail Special.

Tragic Drowning In Preston

London, Dec. 6.

A 68-year-old spinster who drowned herself in a canal at Preston after being given notice to quit her room left a note saying she thought it best "to see if Jesus will find me a room in his mansion".

She added: "You will find me in the canal," the coroner, Mr. W. Blackburn, said at today's inquest.

Police said Miss Margaret Porter had been given a week's notice to quit as her landlord wanted her room for his wife and daughter.

A verdict that Miss Porter took her life while the balance of her mind was disturbed was recorded.—China Mail Special.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Life begins at 40

DORA is one of those who do not dare to think about what might have been. She might by now, as she approaches 40 years of age, be mistress of her own small home, with her husband at her side and her life enriched by two young children.

Instead, it is possible that no woman in the whole of London is quite so much alone as Dora, who, until a few years ago, was a reasonably contented wife and mother.

Dora is a buxom woman with a country-fresh complexion, and at four o'clock the other morning a policeman found her asleep in the doorway of a shop near Victoria Station.

I'M NOT GOING

THE policeman roused her and told her of a place where she might shelter, a half-hour's walk away.

"I'm not going to any hostel," Dora snapped. The policeman pointed out that if she did not he would have to arrest her.

"Pah," Dora said. "You'll pay for this, young man. And don't think you're the first that's told me about that hostel place."

"Come along," said the policeman.

At Bow Street, when the charge of wandering abroad was put to her, Dora said: "I was on my way to the hostel when that young policeman came up to me." Mr. Bertram Horro, the magistrate, interpreted this as a plea of not guilty.

NOTHING PAID

HE called for the evidence and the constable told his story. Dora declined to add anything to it, so the magistrate asked Miss Hamilton, his probation officer, to have a talk with Dora and find out what her trouble was, and why she should have no more sleep to go to night than a shop doorway.

The morning's work went on. Presently Miss Hamilton brought Dora back and herself went into the witness-box.

"This woman," she said, "has been separated from her husband for some years. There is a court order for him to pay her his share of the household expenses, but he has not done so for a considerable time."

"She says that when she separated from her husband she went to live with her parents. But they died in 1933, and since then she has wandered round the hotels and reception centres—she knows them all."

"The magistrate looked at Dora who, despite the season, wore a crumpled, summery frock, patterned with poppies and cornflowers.

POPPIES, CORNFLOWERS

"WHAT about the children?" the magistrate asked.

"They're in the care of the council. She can't even tell me where they are; she seems entirely apathetic about them."

"Does she not do any work?" Mr. Horro asked.

"Occasionally, I think," Miss Hamilton replied. "She had a job in a very poor sort of hotel, but she was dismissed last week."

The magistrate looked at Dora who, despite the season, wore a crumpled, summery frock, patterned with poppies and cornflowers.

HELP, IF

"WHAT do you want to say?" Mr. Horro asked.

"Nothing," she answered. "If this can't be allowed to go on, the magistrate said, 'I shall remind you for a week for a medical report. Then, if you're in a frame of mind that's willing to be helped, we'll try to help you.'"

Dora nodded. Her face was glum as if at heart she felt she was beyond help, beyond hope. Then she let herself be shown out. Some people hold that life begins at 40; for Dora, on the threshold of that age, perhaps it will begin then anew.

Bar Galim Return

Cairo, Dec. 7.
The State-controlled Cairo radio said tonight the Cairo court was expected to release the Iraqi ship, Bar Galim, shortly.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Can't you fall over when he shoots you? We certainly ought to show some interest in his growing up!"

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Air
Thailand, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 8 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 8 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway & Sweden, 8 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Moscow, 9 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, noon.
Burma, India, 1 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Macao, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 8 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Switzerland, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Borneo, 6 p.m.